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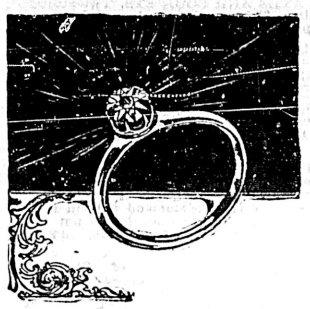

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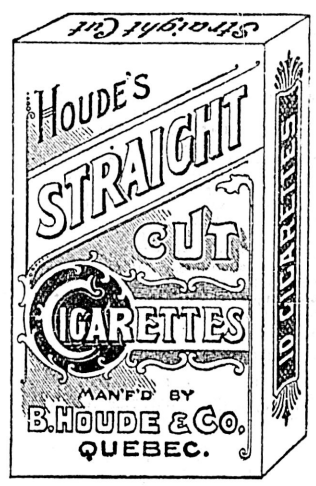

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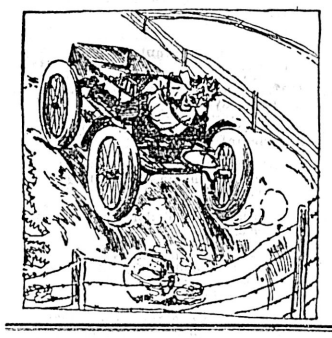

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FIRE DRILL IN SCHOOLS.

Lady Teachers in New Jersey Suspended for Panic Following a Real Alarm.

Trenton, N.J., Feb. 3.—Miss Marcia Wright and Miss Sallie Callis, teachers of the Livingstone public school, have been suspended pending an investigation as to whether they used due diligence in getting the children out of the burning school house yesterday. The teachers claim the children became unmanageable by reason of the cries from the outside for them to jump from the windows. Had the children followed the teachers downstairs none would have been injured. None of the injuries received by children are expected to prove fatal.

NO FETTERS FOR MARINES.

Paris, Feb. 3.—A relic of mediaeval times has been swept away by a decree of President Loubet abolishing the use of fetters in the French navy which nowdays is frequently inflicted for ordinary offences.

DREDGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

The success of dredging as a branch of the gold-mining industry in New Zealand is now so firmly established and so widely recognized as to call for little comment. In the space of the last thirty years, gold dredging has advanced by leaps and bounds, as each fresh improvement upon the early crude attempts has been added with satisfactory and stimulating results. It is now about thirty-four years, as far as can be ascertained, since the first attempt to dredge the River Molyneux was made. The machine then employed consisted merely of a strong iron ring, technically known as a spoon, to which was secured an ox-hide bag and a long pole. The process of dredging was as simple as the means employed. A rope was fastened to the aforesaid iron ring and secured to a hand winch on the bank of the river. The bucket and pole were taken out and dropped into the stream by means of a bolt, the bucket being pressed by the pole as deep as possible into the wash in the bed of the river. All that remained to be done was to haul the bucket ashore with the help of the winch, the contents being then cradled in an ordinary miner's cradle.—W. H. Cutten, in The Engineering Magazine for February.

Buller's Day Of Triumph

Road to Ladysmith Secured and Even Now May Have Given Relief.

Next Report Expected From Ladysmith Telling of the British Victory.

Boer's Stout Resistance Kept Up to the Last—Garrison's Confidence.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 5.—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing yesterday says:

'General Buller has undoubtedly secured the road to Ladysmith and should reach his objective point this week.

"It is believed here that the object of the Boers in occupying Ingutu, Zululand, is to secure the road from Dundee to Vryheid in case of retreat."

DURBAN'S EXPECTATION.

A special despatch from Durban dated Sunday and referring to General Buller's recrossing Tugela in his advance upon Ladysmith says:

"It is probable that General Buller crossed at a spot above Trichard's Drift and that finding the enemy to the right, he is marching to Acton Homes, whence the road to Ladysmith runs almost due east through a fairly open country. It is expected here that he will reach Ladysmith to-morrow (Monday) night."

WAR OFFICE SILENT.

London, Feb. 5, 4.30 a.m.—Although there is no actual confirmation of the report that General Buller has recrossed the Tugela on a third attempt to relieve Ladysmith, it is known that the war office has received several South African despatches which has not yet been published, and if the advance is an actual fact, the secret is being well kept.

There are newspaper despatches in plenty from Spearman's Camp up to Sunday but there is no hint that an advance had been begun, and it is assumed in some quarters here that Lord Dundonald's reconnoissance in the district of Honger's Spoort may be the only foundation for the statement that General Buller has started.

SPECULATION IN LONDON.

On the other hand, despatches from Ladysmith rather indicate that the advance is in operation, by reporting heavy firing on Friday and Saturday from the direction of Potgieter's Drift and Colenso.

A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Ladysmith dated yesterday says: "A report has reached us that one brigade has crossed the Tugela.

The reports that the Boers are reconcentrating around Ladysmith are also an indication that preparations are being made to resist Gen. Buller or for an attempt to re-attack the garrison in anticipation of his advance. The fact, however, that firing has been reported under yesterday's date, either from Ladysmith or Spearman's Camp, might be interpreted to mean either that the attempt has failed or that Gen. Buller had merely made a demonstration on Friday or Saturday.

Various rumors are current. One says that Gen. Buller is again attacking Spion Kop from the side of Gen. Lyttleton's camp. Another is that he received information from the owner of Spion Kop farm and crossed by fords further west than Trichard's Drift. The military authorities in London think it is more likely that the crossing would be made east of Swartz Kop.

GREAT NEWS WHEN IT COMES.

Durban, Feb. 4.—Gen. Buller crossed the Tugela River Friday night and is marching on Ladysmith. No definite news will be permitted to go out until Ladysmith is relieved.

Ladysmith, (Heliograph from Signal Hill):—The garrison was much cheered by hearing Gen. Buller's guns yesterday. The result of the engagement is not known. The Boers are again massing near Ladysmith, also moving another gun toward Surprise Hill. We are quite ready for them if they contemplate another attack.

London, Feb. 5.—The Associated Press learns officially that absolutely no confirmation has been received by the war office of the report that Buller has recrossed the Tugela river and is marching on Ladysmith. On the contrary, according to the information of the war office at the present moment, there is every indication that things are quiet at the front, and that no immediate movement is anticipated. Regarding the despatches from Ladysmith saying that Buller's guns have been heard there, it is surmised that some practice may have been going on with the new batteries which just reached the front.

BOERS WATCHING ADVANCE.

Spearman's Camp, Saturday, Feb. 3.—(9:35 p. m.)—The Boers fired from the hills on several squadrons of Bethune's Mounted Infantry who were reconnoitering. They continue to set fire to the grass on the left of Mount Alice, in order to destroy the cover of the British troops, and to enable the Boers to see the advance.

THE GRIM OLD GENERAL.

Durban, Wednesday, Jan. 31.—Gen. Buller personally supervised the retirement of the army across the Tugela. He then returned to his old quarters at Spearman's Camp, looking much fagged but impassive.

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SUSPICION ON RUSSIA.

World's Peace Menaced by the Movements Consequent on British Preoccupation.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The momentary absense of international conflict has given the press and the people a chance to concentrate attention upon the general European situation evolved from the crisis which the British Empire is now traversing. Diplomats are discussing nothing but the clouds which are hanging over Great Britain's horizon. Beneath the insubordination of Egyptian troops in Khartoum as reported from Cairo is dimly discerned the intriguing hand of an enemy of England. The suspicious movements of Russia on the Persian and Afghan frontiers and her despatch over the sea of important reinforcements of men and material to the Chinese frontier this week is interpreted as an evil omen to the world's peace.

Barbarity Of The Free State.

Investigating Report of Official Murders on Harrismith Market Square.

Commons Still Debates Address In Reply--Redmond's Offer of Volunteers.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 5.—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Chamberlain replied to a question in regard to the death notice published by the Standard on Saturday reading: "McLauchlan—On Christmas Day, shot in the Market Square, Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa, for refusing to fight against his own country, John McLachlan, jr., aged 30, eldest son of John McLachlan of Wandsworth, and grandson of the late John McLachlan of Lambeth."

Mr. Chamberlain said he had received a cable message from the government of Natal to the effect that the report of the shooting of McLachlan had appeared in the press, but had been subsequently contradicted. The governor added that he knew of no foundation for the report, but was trying to obtain information in regard to the matter. The government, Mr. Chamberlain added, had asked the British ambassador at Washington to request the United States government to inquire into the matter at Pretoria through the United States consul there.

Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary under secretary for the war office, said, in answer to a question, that the government had no information regarding the alleged shooting of Irish prisoners by orders of Col. Baden-Powell and General Lord Methuen.

Answering another question, Mr. Wyndham said that the British artillery in South Africa was fully up to the Continental standard. Mr. A. J. Balfour, the government leader, replying to Mr. Wm. Redmond, Irish nationalist, said the secretary of state for the colonies never made any such announcement as the one referred to by Mr. Redmond, namely, that a triple alliance between Great Britain, the United States and Germany had been arrived at.

Replying to a question by Mr. Redmond, suggesting the formation of a volunteer corps in Ireland to replace the troops withdrawn, Mr. Balfour said he recognized the patriotism of Mr. Redmond's constituents, but to thus change the settled policy of the government required further consideration.

The debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne was then resumed by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, who declared the war was due to a reversal of the policy laid down by the government in 1881 and 1895. Reviewing the negotiations Sir William said the great misfortune was that the men consulted in regard to the situation in South Africa were the authors of the raid and the "zealots of Park Lane."

FRENCH CABLE ENTERPRISE.

Plan for Government Lines Between All the Colonies.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The details of the government bill to lay purely French cables between the French colonies have been made public. The bill provides for four new lines. One is to run from Oran, Algiers, touching Tangiers and Teneriffe to St. Louis, Senegambia. The second cable is to run from Uahue, Tonquin, to a point north of Hongkong. A third cable is to connect Tamatave, Madagascar, with Reunion island, one of the Mascarine group. The fourth line will be between Benin in Upper Guinea, and the French Congo possessions.

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Boers Have Lost Heart

Joubert Maimed for Life and Fierce Bickerings in the Armies.

Tremendous Odds in Defenders' Favor Explain the Prolonged Resistance.

Samples of Shameless Deceptions by Which Burghers Have Been Stimulated

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 5.—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says:

"I learn from a reliable source that General Joubert was seriously injured by a shell in the fight at Willow Grange and that he will never be able to command again on horseback. My informant says that he has, in fact, retired from the field.

"The Boers admit that the attack on Ladysmith was a serious blunder and would not have occurred if General Joubert had been in command.

General Lucas Meyer played the coward at Talana and sheltered himself in a Red Cross wagon shaming sickness. He has been unable to face the Boers since as they threaten to shoot him."

BOER DISSENSION.

London, Feb. 3.—A heliograph message sent from Ladysmith yesterday reported all well. It was also said that President Kruger of the Transvaal and President Steyn of the Orange Free State visited the laager in the neighborhood of the beleaguered town for the purpose of making peace between the troops of the Transvaal and the Free State. It was said that there were grave dissensions between the Transvaal and the Free State forces in regard to the prosecution of the war. The result of the visit of the two presidents is not known.

THE ODDS FOR DEFENDERS.

Capetown, Feb. 3.—One principle that competent military observers deduce from our assaults on the Boers' positions is that with modern magazine rifles using smokeless powder, the defence is 10 to 1 as compared with the attack, while formerly the rule was 3 to 1. The results at Mafeking and Kimberley are evidence of this principle equally with the British experience at Magersfontein.

Awonderful change is taking place in the army. The British are now grasping the new conditions of warfare. Our scouts and mounted infantry, Remington's Guides, the Australians and New Zealanders are quite able now to cope with the Boers. Our infantry when moving into action now instantly seek cover. The depression caused in England by the British reverses has not reached the camps, where the men are truly anxious to meet the enemy.

JAPAN'S SILK INDUSTRY.

Paris, Feb. 3.—According to information published here the Franco-American reciprocity treaty is arousing keen anxiety in Japanese commercial circles. The silk producers of Japan are especially alarmed fearing the treaty may hit them hard. It is said the Japan minister here has been instructed to make representations to the French government with a view of preventing the ratification of the treaty. He paid visits to both the foreign offices and the American embassy Friday.

SUES FOR BROTHER'S ESTATE.

New York, Feb. 3.—Rudolph Henry Evans, brother of the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the millionaire dentist who saved the Empress Eugenie by taking her out of Paris in his carriage at the downfall of the French empire, has sued the executor of his brother's estate for a partition of the real property owned by Dr. Evans in this state. Dr. Evans died in Paris in November 1897. He had no wife and the bulk of his property was left by him to different institutions.

GOING THE WHOLE HOG.

Modder River, Saturday, Feb. 3.—The Landrost at New Boshof read publicly on January 26 the following telegram he said had just been received: "Lord Roberts is a prisoner; General Buller has been killed; 9,000 British have been killed and 7,000 captured. The British also lost 48 guns last Saturday."

Mrs. Chas. Smith of Jimes, Ohio, writes: I have used every remedy for sick headache I could hear of for the past fifteen years, but Carter's Little Liver Pills did me more good than all the rest.

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War Cables Are Tapped

Investigation of Boer Agents Facilities for "Scooping" the War Office.

Scant Official News Points to General Movement in Preparation.

New York, Feb. 3.—The London correspondent of the Tribune reviewing the South African situation cables as follows this morning: "As inaction at the front is wearisome to onlookers in newspaper offices, several military writers, with Charles Williams at their head, have announced that Gen. Buller has resumed active operations for the relief of Ladysmith. They assert that the British army was engaged with the enemy either Friday afternoon or yesterday, since Gen. Robarts had sent a definite order for the passage of the river. This may be true, since it is highly probable that a third attempt to rescue Ladysmith will be made with the least possible delay, but there is no official confirmation of the reports which are of no value unless based upon a mysterious leakage from some high quarter. The discipline of the war office is rigorous.

"Press despatches from Natal are meagre and consist mainly of conjectures formed on the coast respecting General Buller's new plan of operations and also of highly colored reports of Boer losses in recent battles. These reports have been carried from Ladysmith by native runners. There are also vague rumors respecting the progress of a small flying column sent into Zululand for the purpose of checking Boer cattle raids.

"Generals Roberts and Kitchner are clearly at work upon a general plan of campaign, and when operations are opened there will be activity all along the line. There is no definite information from any quarter, but there are hints that General Tucker is carrying some battalions and batteries toward Modder River, that General French had been in consultation with Generals Kitchener and Kelly-Kenny, that Stormberg is nearly surrounded and that a considerable force is massed at Belmont for a sudden movement toward the Orange River bridges behind Colesberg. If these signs of activity do not prove anything else, the inference is clear that a single mind now directs the campaign from Capetown, and that when there is news there will be a good deal of it from various quarters.

"General Buller's army without doubt will not remain idle, but will co-operate in a general movement which will keep the Dutch forces occupied east, west and south.

"Meantime there is a shrinkage of information from every field of operations. Forty Guardsmen and Highlanders previously reported killed at Magersfontein have been brought back to life in a Pretoria prison. Detailed accounts are supplied of Commandant Oliver's efforts to compel the colonists in the Dordrecht district, whether English or Dutch, to serve in the Boer army, and there are additional despatches from Mafeking, without confirming the Boer rumors that the garrison had been relieved. These reports are pieced out with political intelligence from Capetown where the press is influenced by such speeches as Sir Edward Clark is making in parliament."

LEAKAGE INVESTIGATION.

London, Feb. 4.—The secret investigation into the leakage of information passing over the cables from South Africa, which was commenced six weeks ago, has just been completed. It was fully believed here that on a number of occasions news of British reverses was known in Europe long before the information reached the government most concerned. Newspapers have repeatedly given out what purported to be evidence in support of these allegations and of the marvellous means of communication said to be possessed by Dr. Leyds, the Boer agent in Europe, which enabled him to keep in the closest telegraphic touch with Pretoria, but the inquiry just closed has demonstrated that in no instance has Dr. Leyds had the news in advance of the British government. He has had information, however, and has communicated it to the foreign press before it was given out here, notably the news of the abandonment of Spion Kop.

The solution of the mystery is that there has been a treasonable leakage of news and the traitor is located either on the Eastern Telegraph Company's staff or the war office itself. For fully a month past the arrangement has been that as soon as General Buller or General Roberts sent a cable message of more than usual importance, the lines have been closed for a certain number of hours, sometimes twenty-four and even diplomatic despatches have been kept back on the plea that some section of the cable route was interrupted, but despite these precautions news has repeatedly leaked out and now the efforts of the investigation are concentrated upon the discovery of the exact point of leakage.

The East Telegraph people are proud of their staff and certain of their loyalty and they scout the idea that the leakage is upon their system. It is pointed out, moreover, that any telegraph operator desiring to act as a traitor must be acquainted with the war office secret code, and must have another code with which to communicate with an accomplice in Paris, or Brussels, but the British government has control of the entire telegraph system here, and since the war has been a month old, an agent of the war office has been in the foreign gallery of the central telegraph office, London. There are two or three routes over which messages might go, such as the Spanish cable to Bilbao, and the American cables to New York and back to the French cable. The government enquirers have satisfied themselves that these lines are not used by the conspirators. The probability is, however, that they may have been used without the knowledge of the cable authorities. In cases where Dr. Leyds had really a long start on the London newspapers the conspirators evidently sent despatches by special messengers to Boulogne and Calais, within four hours of London, whence they telegraphed to Dr. Leyds.

One man at least has been shadowed for weeks by British detectives. He is the London correspondent of a Paris morning paper which is subsidized by Dr. Leyds. The correspondent's despatches have daily been studied with extreme care, but without the discovery of anything calculated to confirm the suspicions that he is an intermediary between Dr. Leyds and those milking British government despatches.

ROUNDING THEM UP.

British Forces Have Cut Off Retreat of Boers in Cape Colony.

Rensburg, Saturday, Feb. 3.—The New Zealanders, Remington's Guides and a squadron of the Life Guards made a sweep of several miles along the hills adjacent to the British right flank. One kopje occupied by the Boers was rushed, the Boers clearing out after a slight resistance. One New Zealander was wounded. Small parties in the distance retreated whenever the British horse appeared.

Capetown, Feb. 5.—A despatch from Naauwpoort says: "There is great activity here and on the Rensburg-Hanover road due to the despatch of an overwhelming force of infantry to seize Norval's Pont. The cavalry having completed the reconnoissance, is being retired to recoup losses. The Boers at Colesberg are virtually surrounded."

COURTESIES OF WARFARE.

Lord Roberts Sending Home a Sorely Wounded General of the Boers.

Capetown, Feb. 4.—Correspondence has been exchanged between Lord Roberts and the commandant-general of the Boer forces at Pretoria regarding the release of Commandant Pretorius, whose leg has been amputated. Lord Roberts says he does not wish to detain so gallant an officer and asks where he shall send him. The reply to this communication states that Commandant Pretorius' wife desires to thank Lord Roberts for his kindness and asks him to send Pretorius to Gen. Methuen, stating that Gen. Cronje will then arrange for his conveyance home.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

British Government Facilitates Construction by Waving Right to Share in Control.

London, Feb. 4.—United States Ambassador Choate conferred with Lord Salisbury at the foreign office last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is believed that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was talked of, and it is also believed that if Great Britain will consent to yield her position toward the Nicaragua canal this is an opportune moment for negotiations. Neither the British foreign office nor the United States embassy has any communication to make regarding the interchange of ideas on subjects pending and not yet completed.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The United States and Great Britain, it was learned to-night, have reached an amicable agreement respecting the operation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty as affecting the right of construction and control by the United States of the proposed Nicaragua canal. The result marks the termination of conferences between the officials of the state department and Lord Pauncefote of fully a year's duration and during which a number of meetings were held. Great Britain agrees to a modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty by which she practically relinquishes any claims respecting a dual control of the Nicaragua canal after it shall be constructed. The result, therefore, is to eliminate that feature of the treaty bearing on the subject of dual control and to leave the United States free to construct and thereafter control this great inter-oceanic waterway. From the same authoritative quarter it is ascertained that England has made no demands for a quid pro quo for her abandonment of whatever rights she may have had under the treaty, and which she now promises to relinquish.

EMPIRE SAFE AGAIN.

London Reviewer Finds Simple Way Out of South African Difficulties.

London, Feb. 5.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson in the Morning Post to-day predicts that the war will end rightly in spite of all bungling. He says: "When Lord Roberts is ready for the advance a new complexion will be put on the campaign. There will be a strategical idea, and as this idea gradually reveals itself what seemed an inextricable tangle of difficulties will in time present itself as a comparatively simple problem."

Then at great length Mr. Wilkinson proceeds to criticize the "three great blunders of policy, strategy and tactics, to which all the disasters are directly attributable."

ITALY AS AN ALLY.

Report of Negotiations for Sending Troops Presumably to the Soudan.

Paris, Feb. 5.—The Echo de Paris says: "Sir Edmund Monson, the British ambassador, left Paris hastily yesterday morning for Rome. He had received a despatch instructing him to support energetically the British ambassador in Rome in negotiations with the Italian government. Great Britain asks Italy to lend troops in accordance with an agreement made since the Italian defeats by Menelik. The Italian cabinet is embarrassed by the un-English attitude of the population and by the position Italy in the triple alliance.

"Sir Edmund Monson has been specially delegated to help in securing the desired solution. In semi-official circles, considerable doubt is felt regarding the success of this step and grave international complication are foreseen."

The paper also asserts that Sir Philip Currie, British ambassador to Italy, was in Paris on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week in strict incognito, and that he had long consultations with Sir Edmund Monson.

APOLOGY FOR THE BOERS.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—Mr. F. W. Reitz, the Transvaal state secretary, has written a pamphlet entitled "A Century Full of Wrong," which will appear in German here this week. It claims to give an authentic statement regarding the rise of the two Boer states. The Berlin publisher expects to sell 50,000 copies.

YOUR BABY,

Like a Tender Plant, Requires True Nourishment.

Babies, like plants, are frequently killed owing to improper nourishment.

When breast milk fails in quantity and quality, a true substitute must be found, or baby will fade and die.

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Lactated Food 'saves babies' lives." Give it a trial and be convinced.

Robbers Rush Montreal Store

Five Masked Men Empty Till Before Eyes of Terrified Employees.

Safe Cracked at Another Store —Police Make Arrest on Suspicion.

By Associated Press.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—During the past week there have been a number of bold roberries committed in the west end of the city, but the climax came late Saturday night, when five masked men held up Strong & Strong's big grocery store on Lagauchetiere street, and relieved the till of the day's receipts, about $200. The store has big plate windows and was brilliantly illuminated at the time. The robbers rushed in, levelled revolvers at the heads of the proprietors and clerks, and when a customer entered he was promptly knocked down by a blow on the head from the butt end of a revolver. The thugs escaped, leaving no trace behind them.

The branch of Tooke's gent's furnishing establishment at the corner of Peel and St. Catherine's streets was broken into by burglars at an early hours this morning, and the safe cracked. It is understood a good sum of money was taken, but the firm is not prepared to say what amount.

Five men were arrested, this morning, on suspicion of having been implicated in the burglary at Tooke's, and also the hold up at Strong & Strong's grocery.

THE CANADIAN COMMONS.

Government Proposes to Supplement Imperial Pay to Troops in Africa.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—In the house to-day Mr. Gould moved the address in reply to the speech from the throne, and Mr. Geoffrion seconded it. Mr. Gould made the announcement that the government would pay for the Canadian contingents while in the field in South Africa, the difference between the Imperial and Canadian rates, which would be placed to the credit of the men in Canada or paid over for the benefit of their families, so that members of the Canadian contingents would get Canadian rates until they returned.

Sir Charles Tupper followed, dealing with the Canadian government's attitude on the offer of troops for Africa.

MACRUM TO EXPLAIN.

Will Issue Signed Statement of Reasons for Hurried Exit from Pretoria.

New York, Feb. 4.—Charles Macrum, the former United States consul at Pretoria, who asked to be recalled at a time when affairs in the republic were at a crisis and when his presence at the Transvaal capital was urgently required by the state department, arrived to-day on the American line steamship St. Paul. Mr. Macrum, who has maintained silence as to his reasons for wishing to leave his station, says that to-morrow, after his arrival in Washington and visit to the state department, he will issue a statement over his signature, telling why he left his post at such a critical time.

Mr. Macrum refused either to confirm or deny the story that while in Paris he held a conference with Dr. Leyds, President Kruger's diplomatic representative in Europe. It was pointed out to the former consul that the state department had given out that he was no longer connected with that branch of the service and that for that reason he was free to talk. To this he replied: "I can't help that. I consider that I am connected with the department until I have reported in Washington."

BECOMES A BAPTIST.

Reformed Church Pastor Cannot Continue Practice of Sprinkling Infants.

New York, Feb. 4.—The Rev. Dr. Madison Peters, pastor of the Bloomingdale Reformed church, read his resignation this morning to his congregation. In his letter Dr. Peters said that his sole reason for resigning was that, after years of honest and prayerful investigation, he had come to the deliberate conclusion that the Bible—the Protestant's only rule of faith—teaches baptism for believers only. He said he could not in good conscience continue the practice of infant baptism by sprinkling. Dr. Peters was asked after the service concerning his future plans. He said that as soon as his term of service ended on March 1 he would enter the Baptist ministry.

A QUEER SALVATIONIST.

Champions Cause of Slavery and Oppression Against Enlightened Civilization.

Buffalo, N.Y., Feb. 4.—General Ballington Booth, commander in chief of the Volunteers of America, son of William Booth, head of the Salvation Army, in the course of an address in the old Lafayette Street church this afternoon, referred to the war in South Africa, saying that the sun in heaven never had shone on a more unjust war than the one between Great Britain and the Transvaal. Speaking to a reporter afterwards Mr. Booth said: "I am an Englishman by birth and education, and with all her faults I have some love for England still, but my respect for her would be deeper and truer had she not entered into this uncalled for and unjust war, which, as far as I can see will be one of the bloodiest and darkest in the annals of history."

CARNEGIE'S BLUFF.

New York, Feb. 5.—Andrew Carnegie has informed Democratic senators that if anti-Imeparialism is treated as the leading issue he will make a larger contribution to the Democratic campaign fund than he ever did to the Republican national committee, says a Washington despatch to the Press. The Democratic managers expect to get from him not less than $1,000,000. According to one senator Mr. Carnegie made to him the statement that he had offered to pay the $20,000,000 which the United States gave to Spain if the government would abandon the Philippines.

AWFUL HEAT.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 4.—One hundred and two sunstrokes were officially reported in this city yesterday. Of these 23 were fatal. The temperature was 120 in the shade.

VOLUNTEERS FOR AFRICA.

New Offers Still Coming in—List for the Patriotic Fund—The Public Meeting.

Though Ottawa has as yet failed to place in the hands of the British Columbia government instruction to proceed with the recruiting of the British Columbia mounted contingent, interest in the matter has in no wise abated. Even far-away Dawson has heard the mother country calling, as is evidenced by the following telegram which was placed in the hands of the local government yesterday by Mr. C. H. Gibbons of the Colonist:

"Dawson, N.W.T.,
"Via Bennet, Jan. 26.

"C. H. Gibbons, Victoria:

"Re province and Strathcona's offers. Inform government can raise 50 or more rough riders and police here for service in South Africa.

"(sd.) HENRY J. WOODSIDE,
"Capt. Canadian Cavalry, unattached."

The telegram was read in the house by Hon. Dr. McKechnie, who in an appropriate speech expressed gratification at this further evidence of practical loyalty on the part of the citizens of Dawson. The announcement was greeted with applause.

Acting under instructions from Lord Minto, the Governor-General, the Lieutenant-Governor will place in the banks, newspaper offices and other public places, subscription lists on account of the national patriotic fund. The money which will be collected will be disbursed for the following purposes:

1. For the benefit of the widows, orphans and other dependents of officers and men of the military forces of Canada who may unfortunately lose their lives in or in connection with the war operations in South Africa.

2. For the benefit of the soldiers themselves or employees of the Canadian government attached to the contingent in South Africa who may have been disabled by wounds or sickness, etc.

3. For the benefit of the wives and children and dependents, separated at home from husbands and fathers and guardians by the exigencies of the campaign.

The necessity of a loosening of the purse-strings on the part of everybody imbued with feelings of loyalty and patriotism was appropriately alluded to by Dr. Campbell of the First Presbyterian church, at the close of his sermon on Sunday evening. Dr. Campbell read a letter from Mr. Dowler, secretary of the patriotic committee and urged liberal contributions.

The Daughters of St. George will give a grand patriotic concert on Thursday evening, February 15, the proceeds of which will be devoted toward the fund to secure clothing for the soldiers in South Africa.

Mayor Hayward was unable to arrange for the Drill hall for the date suggested for the public meeting to be held in connection with the latest plan for Canada to send 10,000 mounted infantry to South Africa, but hopes to secured it for Friday evening next.

PERSONAL.

G. Macgowan, of Vancouver, is at the Driard.

A. Lucas, of Vancouver, is at the Imperial.

Frank Western, C. P. R. auditor, is in the city.

J. R. Seymour, the Vancouver druggist, is in town.

William McKay, of Dawson, is registered at the Queen's.

J. E. Church was a passenger from Vancouver on Sunday.

E. W. Bradley spent Saturday and Sunday in Vancouver.

Mrs. Archer Martin left for San Francisco on Saturday evening.

J. K. Wilson and David Jenkins, of Alberni, are at the Victoria.

Miss M. Webster was a passenger from Vancouver Sunday evening.

Capt. Morrison returned on Sunday night from Vancouver.

J. E. Macrae, of Dodwell & Co., came over from Vancouver on Sunday.

R. F. Tolmie and R. Jamieson returned from Vancouver on Sunday evening.

H. C. Childers, F. S. Gardner and William Wick, of Atlin, are at the Victoria.

S. M. Robins, superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Nanaimo, is at the Driard.

J. D. Anderson and wife, of Dawson, are at the Queen's. They are getting a new outfit to take up North.

William Lawson, of Skagway, is at the Victoria. He has been mining in the Atlin country for two years.

E. J. Palmer, manager of the Chemainus mills, and his daughter, Miss Mabel Palmer, are at the Driard.

J. Rosenberg and L. Marks were among the Victorians returning on the Tees. They are just out from Dawson.

Capt. Babbington, who has been in quarantine with the passengers and crew of the steamer Monmouthshire, was released on Sunday.

J. A. Fullerton, of the C. P. R., J. E. Fagan, of the Vancouver custom house, and Capt. Ettershanks, the Vancouver pilot, are down to meet the Empress.

W. H. Quann and George Peele, of Vancouver, who returned from Dawson on Sunday, left for home Sunday night. Mr. Quann took in a big cargo of wines and liquors.

W. J. Mearns, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, is at the Dominion. He will address a joint meeting of Far West and Victoria lodges on Friday evening, and leaves for Nanaimo on Saturday.

James Shesgreen, manager of the famous James-Kidder-Handford combination, visited Victoria last evening. He regretted his inability to fix Victoria dates this winter, but will try to arrange dates next season.

SNOW IN ONTARIO.

London, Feb. 5.—The heavies snowstorm of the season set in here about 10 o'clock on Saturday night and continued until 5 o'clock last night. During that time about two feet of snow fell.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The city is buried under the heaviest snowstorm of the winter.

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THE WIRES DOWN.

The severe storm of last evening proved too much for the telegraph wires, and no messages were received after about seven o'clock. The bulk of the despatches printed to-day are therefore the day report of yesterday, and the Associated Press report for Sunday night, taken for the benefit of Colonist readers, although there was no extra Monday morning edition.

Charged With Forgery.—A Chinaman was arrested last evening on a warrant issued at the instance of a brother celestial, charging him with forgery. The accused secured bail and will be given a hearing this morning.

Lucky Mulcahey.—The oil painting, "Guilty or Not Guilty," raffled at Institute hall last night was won by M. Mulcahey, 185 View street, who held No. 240. The owner is requested to call at the Kindergarten, Blanchard street, and receive the painting. Thanks are extended to all who helped to make the raffle so successful an affair.

No Compulsory Vaccination.—A number of the parents of children attending the public schools have been under the impression that compulsory vaccination is to be ordered by the health authorities. This is erroneous. While the board of health has the power to at once put the act which provides for that in force, Dr. Fraser states that there is no intention to do so at present.

Hear Rev. Mr. Speer lecture to-morrow night.

TORNADO IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 4.—Another tornado swept the Island last night. Lark Harbor was devastated and 20 houses blown down, including the customs station and the residence of customs officers. Three schooners were driven ashore and dismasted.

An amusing incident occurred in the march of Col. Pilcher's column. The Queenslanders surprised at a homestead twelve Boers, who fled, leaving fully prepared a dinner, nicely laid, which the Australians promptly appropriated.

At the fight at Ladysmith on January 9, Commandant de Villiers was killed; he was one of the best type of progressive Afrikanders. He was well known in Natal, where he has many friends, who greatly regret his death. When war was declared De Villiers, who had no sympathy with the policy of Kruger and Steyn, refused to call his burghers out till he was convinced it was inevitable. But for his well known friendliness to the English he would have been appointed commander-in-chief of the Free State forces.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LECTURE—By Rev. J. C. Speer in A. O. U. W. Hall, Wednesday evening, February 7th, at 8:15 o'clock. "Singers and their Songs." Admission 25c. f4

SHORTHAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Individual instruction in shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping. ja25

G. B. PARRY, Watch Maker, 23 Broad St., removed to 104 Fort St. ja24

LOST OR FOUND.

LOST—A good clinker built cedar boat, painted white, ring out of bows. Finder please apply to W. Grimmer, Pender Island, B.C. f6

LOST—Dog (toy Alaska), six months old; reddish-brown, black ring and tip on tail. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at 36 Humboldt street. f4

LOST—A bunch of keys on chain ring. Finder will confer a favor by returning to this office. ja10

TO LET OR LEASE.

TO LET—Furnished rooms single or for housekeeping; bath. Apply 118 Fort steet. f6

FOR RENT—Farm, 340 acres; 100 cleared; 200 fruit trees. A. Williams, Estate Agent, 104 Yates street. f6

COMFORTABLE ROOMS with board or breakfast. 51 Vancouver street. f3

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms, single or en suite. 90 Douglas street. f3

TO RENT— A farm with good, hard-finished cottage of 6 rooms, outside buildings and small orchard. Convenient to school, steamboat landing and railroad. Rent moderate. Address 51 Vancouver street, city. f3

TO LET—Desirable front rooms; modern conveniences. 50 Yates street. f3

TO LET—A large house on Fernwood Road, with 2 lots and stable. $9 per month; three 5-roomed houses opposite, at $5 per month. Inquire at 11 Centre Road, Spring Ridge, City. f2

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, single or en suite. 182 Fort street. ja14

FURNISHED HOUSE—Seven rooms; Esquimalt Road. Apply Mr. Hunt, Hunt's Cottages. ja11

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CHATHAM ST. Cottage and double front lot, $1000. $100 cash and balance on time. This is cheaper than paying rent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

PARRY ST. James Bay. Four two-story dwellings, always let, producing $25 per month. Open to offer. Apply 40 Government St. n11

DALLAS ROAD AND MONTREAL ST. Bungalow and small two-storey house in rear, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FORT ST. Two-story dwelling, lot 60x120, well situated, $2500. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

COOK ST. AND KINGS ROAD. Lots $250 to $400, small monthly payments, no interest. Fine chance to procure a home. Apply 40 Government St. n11

M'CLURE STREET. 5-roomed cottage and lot 72x120 for $1600. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

COLLINSON ST. Running through to Beechy st., ½ lot. 5-roomed cottage $900. $200 cash, balance on time. Apply 40 Government St. n11

RITHET ST. Lot 45x130 and 5-roomed bungalow for $1400. $200 cash and balance on time. Apply 40 Government St. n11

FOURTH ST. 2½ acres. Has been under cultivation. Price $2000. $250 down, balance on time, with interest at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

WILKINSON RD. 12 acres, dwelling, barns, etc., all under cultivation, $3000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

DENMAN ISLAND—160 acres containing evidence of coal. $750; terms, apply 40 Government street. n22

KANE STREET. Lot and three houses, all rented, $3600. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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NIAGARA ST. 1½-acre lot and two-story dwelling, $1500. Exceptionally easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

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RICHARDSON ST. Full lot and seven-roomed cottage, $2000. Easy terms. Apply 40 Government St. n11

HARRISON ST. Lot and nice cottage, $1750. $250 cash and balance at 6 per cent. Apply 40 Government St. n11

GOVERNMENT AND JOHN STREETS—Two lots; fine 2-storey dwelling; large new barn; cheap at $2,750; easy terms, Apply 40 Government street. n28

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Cellist Blumenberg and Pianist Selden Pratt Assist in a Classical Programme.

A houseful of musical Victorians heard Madame Emma Nevada: Mr Louis Blumenberg, the 'cellist, and Mr. Selden Pratt, pianist, in a pretentious concert programme yesterday evening, and expressed appreciation with liberal applause and frequent calls for extra numbers.

At the same time it may not untruthfully be said that seldom has a concert been given in this city which more signally failed to reach the heart's responsive chord. It was a concert in which the intellectual side of music was ever-present—the sympathetic quality conspicuously absent.

Madame Nevada certainly proved herself a vocalist whose work approaches the marvellous. Not only does she illustrate the superlative of pliability and dexterity in the human voice, but there are in her tricks of singing certain prettinesses and dainty efforts of acrobatic vocalization that make her title of the "Dresden china prima donna" a not undeserved or inapt one.

At the same time one is always conscious of something wanted—something that music means. In everything she sings there is absolute frigidity with correctness and mechanical perfection. Not one note comes sweet and natural as the thrilling of the birds—not one note would bring the smile spontaneously to the lip of the unbidden tear to the eye.

It is truly a wonderful voice—but Nevada's music is always rendered, not sung.

In the "Bell Song" from "Lakme" yesterday evening, she gave a glimpse of the apparently rich dramatic capabilities of her voice; in the more generally pleasing "Shall I Wear a White Rose, Shall I Wear a Red?" her style and phrasing were admirably artistic and appreciable; in the encore number, "Vogel in Walde" (Taubert), she demonstrated that her art is not without the occasional demonstration of dainty humor; and in the "Shadow Danse" from Meyerbeer's "Dinorah" she approached more closely to really pleasing than in all else.

Each number was received with complimentary applause, but the fact that the heart of the public is not to be satisfied with artificiality (however excellent) was unconsciously and immediately attested when in reply to a last encore the songstress appeared, and the first notes of "Suwanee River" were given by the talented young accompanist. Then it was that for the once of all the evening the spontaneous pleasure of the audience was expressed, and critic and uneducated music-lover settled comfortably down to enjoy themselves.

That they did not do so is the severest commentary on Nevada's art.

Unquestionably an equal, if not a fuller measure of popularity in last evening's concert fell to the share of the 'cellist, Mr. Louis Blumenberg, whose technique proved in itself a fascinating study, and whose choice of theme more captured the popular taste. He was especially good in the Berceuse (Renard) given in acknowledgment of a recall on his first selection; in the well known and beautifully descriptive "Spinning Wheel" (Popper); and in the "Danse Hollandaise" (Dunkler), which he generously added to his last programme number in response to an insistent demand for more.

Of Mr. Selden Pratt, the pianist, it may be said that he admirably illustrates the new German school of ultra-subordinated accompanying, and plays in all capacities—either as accompanist or soloist, with much taste and musicianly grace. The one thing lacking perhaps is thorough confidence and vigor in its place; and it is quite to be anticipated that this will come, for the young pianist has but recently completed his twentieth year, and has his career all before him.

The complete programme presented last evening was as follows:

(a.) Nocturne ..... Chopin
(b.) Scherzo ..... Chopin
Mr. Pratt.
Bell song fr. "Lakme' .....Delibes
Encore—"Shall I Wear a White Rose? Shall I Wear a Red Rose?" .....Ryan
Mme. Nevada.
Hungarian Caprice ..... Dunkler
Encore—"Berceuse ....Renard
Mr. Blumenberg.
(a.) Etude .....Henset
(b.) "Widrumig" .....Schuman-Liszt
Encore—"Humoresque" ..... Berger
Mr. Pratt.
Two songs—
"Travonshka" ..... Tchaikowski
"La Fee Aux Chausen ..... Bemberg
Encore—"Vogel in Walde" ..... Taubert
Mme. Nevada.
(a.) "La Cygne" ..... Saint-Saen
(b.) "Spinning Wheel" ..... Popper
Encore—"Danse Hollandaise" .....Dunkler
Mr. Blumenberg.
Waltz ..... Gulli
Mr. Pratt.
"Shadow Dance, fr. "Dinarah' ..Meyerbeer
Encore—"Way Down Upon the Suwanee River" .....
Mme. Nevada.

THE ORPHANAGE.

Monthly Meeting of the Ladies' Committee Held Yesterday Afternoon.

The regular monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage was held yesterday afternoon at the home, Hillside avenue. There were present Mrs. W. F. McCulloch in the chair, and Mesdames Hayward, Higgins, Going, Rant, Milne, Denny, Hutcheson, McGregor, and Miss Carr.

After routine work the home committee reported that Mrs. McGregor, the matron of the home, had returned to her duties, loud in her praises of the kind and skilful treatment received by her while at the Jubilee hospital.

The special committee appointed to wait on the provincial government, urging legislation in the direction of making the elected officers of the home the legal guardians of the deserted and neglected children in their charge, reported that the Premier assured them that, though the matter involved serious difficulty, it would receive the careful consideration of the executive.

Mrs. E. Crow Baker and Miss Edith Carr were appointed the visiting committee for February.

The matron reported all the children well and the receipt of the following donations, which were thankfully acknowledged: James Bay Athletic Association, per A. J. Dallain, cakes; St. Aiden's Church (Cedar Hill), cakes and fruit; Mr. Grimmer (Pender Island), dressed lamb; Mrs. Arthur Lee, bottle jam and fruit cakes; Mr. S. M. Robins, 11 tons coal (December and January); Mrs. W. J. Smith, clothing; Mrs. Arthur, clothing and six quarts jam; Mrs. Jack, dripping; Mrs. J. A. Sayward, shoes; Mrs. B. R. Seabrook, clothing; Ladies' Guild, St. John's church, cakes and sandwiches; Mrs. D. Campbell, clothing; Mrs. Edwards, cash, $5; Misses Ruth and Carl Strickland, dolls and books; Jean and Monkey, box of apples; Mr. R. Muir, Sooke, four sacks potatoes and box apples; Y. W. C. T. U., 40 pairs garters; Mrs. (Col.) Hayes, six all-over pinafores and one valise; Miss Goodwin, boots; Mrs. Piercy, books and toys; Mr. Bates, clothing; Hockey Club, cakes, bread and butter; Native Sons, fruit, cakes, meat and buns; A Friend, trimmed hats; A Friend, six chickens; Times and Colonist, daily papers; Mrs. Taylor, overcoat; Willing Workers (Comox), per Mrs. Williams, seven blouses; Mrs. M. A. Vigor, new clothing; Dr. R. L. Fraser, box of oranges.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW DENVER.

New Denver, Jan. 30.—Union members at Slocan City claim to be keeping a vigilant eye upon the travelling public, guarding against the importation of men for the Enterprise mine. On Thursday they assert two men were turned off, five on Friday, and one on Saturday. These men are said to be coming in from the tunnel work on the Columbia & Western railway.

Last week the Payne shipped out 220 tons of ore, 60 of which was consigned to Trail and the balance to the States.

McMillan & Allan, who are packing the ore down from the Arlington, have four carloads rawhided down to the main bridge over Springer creek. They are using the sleighs from there to the depot at Slocan City. They report the Arlington to be in fine shape, with an abundance of ore in sight. Were the snow deeper a carload of ore per day could be handled from the mine. The grade of the mineral maintains its high values as demonstrated in former shipments. More men have lately been added to the force.

Forty tons of ore were sent out by the Rambler last week. On February 1st, another dividend of one cent per share will be paid, notice of which has already been served. The chances are very favorable for similar treatment on March 1st. The force was increased slightly last week.

The Bosun was among the shippers last week, sending out a carload of its rich product.

Dr. Bentley has returned to Slocan City, and is arranging with the miners' union for the establishment of a hospital at that place.

A small shipment was made last week from the Emily Edith.

Ore is showing in all the workings of the Hartney, on Silver mountain. A second payment on the bond comes due Thursday.

The new Anglican church at Slocan City was opened with befitting ceremonies on Sunday, Rev. C. F. Yates of that town officiating.

Married, on Friday evening last at the rectory, New Denver, by the Rev. C. F. Yates, George Davies to Miss Dina Young, both of this town.

W. Thompson had his arm fractured at the Wonderful on Tuesday last by flying rock from a "hanging" hole.—Nelson Tribune.

NELSON.

The mystery of the LaBau robbery was solved yesterday in the most surprising manner when Chief Jarvis discovered that the burglars had actually been in his hands for a week, and that one of them carried between his shoulders a bullet from Dr. LaBau's gun. The two prisoners, Sullivan and Gannon, were arrested on Saturday last and charged with burglary. When Dr. LaBau's premises were searched by the police after the burglary a hat was found bearing the name of Kelly, a tough citizen who had recently been discharged from the provincial jail. The two prisoners had been seen with Kelly on the previous night, so they were arrested on suspicion of being implicated with him in the affair.

The police went on the theory that Kelly had been in the burglary, and that he carried one or more of the bullets fired by Dr. LaBau. Accordingly they devoted their attention to searching for Kelly to no avail. Then Chief Jarvis learned that the hat bearing Kelly's name originally belonged to E. T. H. Simpkins, registrar, and on taking it to the court house Mr. Simpkins identified the headgear, stating that he had given it to Gannon while the latter was, with other prisoners from the jail, whitewashing the court house. This directed the chief's attention back to the pair in custody, and he determined to have them stripped and searched. This was done and the telltale bullet wound was promptly found. The ball had struck Sullivan as he stood endeavoring to open the door leading from Dr. LaBau's house. It just touched the inside edge of the left shoulder-blade, and glanced into his back near the spine. Sullivan stated that it had not given him any pain worth speaking about.

The two men confessed to the crime and told the whole story. Gannon said he was taking Sullivan home to a shack up on the hill, when they passed Dr. LaBau's residence and determined to go in. Gannon states that Kelly gave him a piece of paper to wad out the band of the hat, and the paper happened to have Kelly's name on it. He states that Kelly left them early in the evening, and that the suspected man knew nothing of the burglary. Sullivan's wound does not look very dangerous. Dr. LaBau examined it yesterday, and asked Sullivan if he would dress it. "I don't care," was the reply. "You put that ball there, and I'd just as soon you took it out as anyone else." Dr. Symons dressed the puncture, and will extract the ball to-day. The men come up before magistrate Crease this morning on remand.—Tribune, February. 1.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Feb. 5.—Varesio Eugenio, an Italian miner, was instantly killed on Saturday while at work in Extension mines. His death was caused by a fall of coal from the roof. Joseph Mottishaw, who was working near the Italian, narrowly escaped with his life, being also struck by the falling coal. Mottishaw was badly bruised about the back and arms and will be laid up for several days.

At a meeting of the school trustees held on Saturday night it was decided to hire an assistant teacher for the High school at a salary of $75 per month. The assistant will be installed on aMrch 1.

The members of the city police force have sent a communication to the commissioners protesting against the long hours they the compelled to work for the rate of wages they receive, which they state compares unfavorably with the wages pain in other cities of the province. The commissioners at their meeting on Saturday morning referred the matter to the chief for suggestions.

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MARINE NOTES.

Capt. Arenas of the Bark Libertad Missing—Arrival From Honolulu.

The Hawaiian bark Iolani arrived at Honolulu with coal from Nanaimo on January 20.

A new light is to be placed on the Brotchie ledge beacon. The light will be of the order such as is used on the buoys in the East. The promised light is a quick occulting one, and when filled will last for 30 days.

The sealing schooner Walter L. Rich will leave on a sealing cruise as soon as the weather will permit. The Saucy Lass cleared yesterday for a Coast cruise.

Capt. J. H. Arenas of the bark Libertad is missing. The bark was wrecked on the West Coast about a month ago, and when the captain landed here with his crew he wired his charterers, Messrs. W. R. Price & Co., to notify his friends in Peru of the wreck, and also asked the firm to advance him enough money to reach San Francisco. He received the money in December. Capt. Arenas' friends in Peru had sent Mr. Grice enough money to pay the captain's passage back to South America. Time passed and nothing was heard of the captain, and his friends have put advertisements in the Coast papers and have made every effort to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

The American tug J. M. Coleman brought the Hawaiian bark Star of France to the quarantine station on Sunday afternoon. She is from Honolulu, and after she has been fumigated will go on the marine ways at Esquimalt for repairs. The J. M. Coleman did not enter here according to the port regulations, although she came well within the line when she let go the bark. The bark had her sails set and sailed to an anchorage.

Bark Louis Walsh, which is to load the coal from the wrecked collier Miami, passed up yesterday from San Francisco.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 5.—The following were today's closing quotations:

Amn. Cot. Oil	34½
Amn. Tob.	105
Amn. Sugar	114¾
Anaconda	42⅞
Atch	20¼
A. S. & W.	57½
B. & O.	62
B. R. T.	75½
C. P.	97½
C. S.	49¾
C. & O.	29⅞
C. B. & Q.	125⅞
Chicago Gas	108¼
C. & N. W.	163¼
C. R. I. & P.	110
C. M. & St. P.	122¾
Cont. Tob.	34½
C. F. & I.	47½
C. C. C. & St. L.	63½
D. & L.	170¼
Fed. Steel	57⅛
G. E.	128½
J. C.	117¾
L. & N.	81
Man.	99
Mo. Pac.	46⅛
Met. St. Ry.	173½
Nat. Lead	28¼
Nor. Pac.	53¾
Nor. Pac. pfd.	75⅝
N. Y. C.	135¼
N. Y. O. & W.	23⅝
Omaha	117
Pac. Mail	43¼
Pressed Steel	57⅝
P. & R.	18¼
Sou. Ry.	12⅜
Sou. Pac.	40
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THE WAR.

The interest in what is transpiring in Natal was never so great as at present, and this is due largely to the atmosphere of mystery which surrounds the scene of action. How much truth there is in the reports that have been sent over the wires is at the present writing beyond even a reasonable surmise. There seems to be no reason to believe that Buller would remain inactive very long, and the statement that he was ready for a forward movement on Thursday or Friday is probably correct. We have reports of heavy fighting on Saturday, and a rumor of a victory for our arms. They are simply unconfirmed. They resemble in this respect the first reports received of the reverses at Colenso and Spion Kop. These came through in the form of unconfirmed rumors in the first instance. Further than this we have nothing to suggest in explanation of the despatches, which are rendered all the more difficult to understand by the fact that no word has come of the whereabouts of Dundonald's cavalry, or what Gen. Lyttleton's brigade is doing north of the Tugela.

The despatch of the flying column through Zululand is now said to be for the purpose of cutting off the enemy's connections. It has probably taken the route which we indicated a few weeks ago as one by which Dundee could be reached without serious opposition by a force not encumbered with too many "impedimenta." The great trouble with which our generals have to contend is the same one that embarrassed Caesar in his campaign in Gaul. The great Roman general experienced the difficulty of contending with forces more mobile than his own, but he won in the end. To transport a modern army of only 10,000 men with its supplies is a very serious matter. The force that has gone through Zululand is doubtless as lightly equipped as is possible under the circumstances.

As far as can be gathered from the despatches, a fine piece of work is being done in Cape Colony and on the southern border of the Free State. The enemy are entrenched at Stormberg and Colesberg. To carry these positions by direct assaults would involve great sacrifice of life; but if the enemy attempts to retreat from them he will have to meet our troops in the open country, and this is just what we want, for we are in a position to annihilate him, if we get him beyond his entrenchments. Meanwhile a strong force is to be pushed through to Norval's Pont. This will effectually cut off the retreat of the enemy from Colesberg, and will enable us to take possession of Springfontein Junction and thus cut off his retreat from Stormberg, if he should attempt it. What is of greater importance is that it will cut off the enemy from his base of supplies, and if this can be accomplished his unconditional surrender will only be a matter of a short time. If the movement on Norval's Pont proves successful, the result will hardly be second in importance to the relief of Ladysmith. If the two events happen simultanteously, the end of the war will be in sight.

VERY LIKE A CRISIS.

The status in local politics is in the nature of a crisis, and if ever there was a care in which the prerogative of the crown might be properly exercised to re-establish settled political conditions, we have one now in British Columbia. The principle lying at the foundation of parliamentary government is that the majority shall rule. By "majority" a majority of the representatives is meant, except, of course, at elections. Statutes gain their sanction from the consent of the majority. At present the government can not count upon a majority for its measures. Whether the bills it introduces will command a sufficient number of votes to get them through the house depends solely upon some one member. It may be Mr. Prentice to-day; it may be Mr. Macpherson to-morrow or Mr. Smith the next day. And so we might go the rounds of the seats on the right of the Speaker. Or it may easily happen that some member may be taken ill, or may be detained accidentally or otherwise from the house, and the government may be able to get its measures through by the vote of the Speaker alone. This may be sufficient for the present purposes of the government, but it is not sufficient to satisfy public opinion, which will revolt against legislation foisted upon it in this way, and it must be highly unsatisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor, when he comes to be asked to give his assent to measures passed by a technical or accidental majority of the members. We can readily imagine that a lieutenant-governor would find himself exceedingly embarrassed, if asked to give his assent to any measures except those of the merest routine character carried by a government situated as the present government is. We do not suggest that the simple fact of a bill being carried by a narrow majority is a reason why a lieutenant-governor should refuse his assent, although in provinces where the single chamber system prevails we are not sure that it might not be. In Great Britain a narrow majority would be regarded by the House of Lords as sufficient ground to throw out a bill and so it would be in the Dominion Senate, and the greatest stickler for the rights of the elective representatives of the people would not protest that the ground was inadequate. No ministry would complain if the upper chamber rejected a bill making any radical change in the law for such a reason. In most of the Canadian provinces there is only a single legislative chamber, and there is consequently no safeguard against legislation carried by means of the Speaker's vote or by a narrow and fluctuating majority of one. The whole responsibility is thrown upon the lieutenant-governor, who is supposed to exercise the prerogative accordingly as he is advised by ministers possessing the confidence of an undoubted majority of the people's representatives. If Mr. Semlin could point out to Lieutenant-Governor McInnes that although a particular measure was carried only by a very narrow majority, he is under normal circumstances supported by a substantial working majority of the house, we do not say that the Lieutenant-Governor ought not to follow his advice and assent to the bill. But Mr. Semlin can give no such guarantee.

So much in regard to bills. But the same rule applies with equal force to the passing of supply. The margin of discretion vested in the government as to the manner in which the supplies voted shall be expended is wide, and the provisions for what are commonly called emergency expenditures is of great scope. To this class of matters must be added the numerous things authorized to be done by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council. The presumption is that before a lieutenant-governor signs a warrant which is only brought within the scope of the estimates by the express opinion of the attorney-general, or before he puts his name to a warrant for an extraordinary, or emergency, expenditure, or before he exercises the very wide powers vested in the lieutenant-governor-in-council, he will have the advice of ministers, behind whom he has reason to believe there stands a substantial majority of the representatives of the people. Lieutenant-Governor McInnes can have no such reason at the present time. Indeed we do not see how the government of the country can go on without violence being done to the principles of responsible and parliamentary government, if His Honor allows his present advisers to continue in office. We can imagine him saying to them that as there is not in British Columbia any second legislative chamber to stand as a buffer between the elective body and the representative of the crown, he must insist upon having advisers who have unmistakable proof that they can at all times command a working majority of the members of the legislature. When the Turner ministry was dismissed all the Colonist ever claimed on this point was that the Lieutenant-Governor ought to have awaited the verdict of the house and not have anticipated it. We never claimed that Mr. Turner ought to remain in power if he was found not to have a working majority. Mr. Turner in his place in the house only claimed that he ought to have been brought face to face with the people's representatives, and his former colleagues in office took the same position. Beyond the shadow of a doubt if Mr. Turner had met the house and been proved not to have a working majority, he would have placed his resignation in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor without being asked for it, and have left the decision as to what should be done in such an emergency in His Honor's hands, where it constitutionally belongs. Mr. Semlin stands in just this position. He has not a working majority of the house; he cannot even pretend to have a bare majority. This has been demonstrated not simply by, in the constitutional way, but by the votes of the house which are recorded in the Journals. It is Mr. Semlin's duty to say to His Honor that he cannot carry on the affairs of the province as is contemplated by the constitution. If he fails to do this, it will, we submit, shortly become the duty of His Honor to ask him for his resignation, for the Queen's government must, not only go on, but go on constitutionally.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT.

The proposed amendments to the Public Schools Act were brought down yesterday. They are not very numerous and their value is not very great. The first change proposed is in the Interpretation Act, and defines what the words "resident," "householder" and "freeholder" mean. A resident is a person who actually dwells or has his place of business within a school district, and it therefore prevents non-residents from voting, no matter how much property they may have in a rural school district. A householder in a city is declared to be a person holding or occupying premises and paying a rental or rent value of $60 a year; in a rural district a householder is any person residing or having his place of business in a district. A freeholder is described to mean a person having a freehold estate. The original School Act does not define these terms, and the amendment seems to be desirable.

The second change applies the provisions of the law relating to cities to all the cities of the province now or hereafter incorporated, the original act having been framed to apply only to Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster.

The third change provides that the four candidates out of seven who receive the highest number of votes at a city school election shall serve for two years. We draw attention to the fact that no provision is made in the amendment for vacating all the trusteeships, and unless this is done there cannot very well be "a first election under this act," to which this section can apply.

The fourth change applies section 34 of the original act to all the cities of the province instead of those specially named in that act.

The fifth change is a new provision and is as follows:

6. The said act is hereby amended by inserting after section 34 thereof the following section:

"34a. City school districts shall be divided into the following classes:

"(1.) City school districts of the first class, including all incorporated cities and towns wherein the average actual daily attendance equals or exceeds 3,500 for the year.

"(2.) City school districts of the second class, including all incorporated cities and towns wherein the average actual daily attendance equals or exceeds 500 for the year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo.

"(3.) City school districts of the third class, including all the incorporated cities and towns wherein the average actual daily attendance falls below 500 for the year, and comprising at the present time the cities of Cumberland, Columbia, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kamloops, Kaslo, Nelson, Revelstoke, Rossland, Sandon, Vernon and the town of Wellington. All cities and towns that may hereafter be incorporated from time to time shall also be included in one or other of these three classes; provided, however, that no city or town shall be transferred from one class to another except during the month of July, and then only with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council."

The sixth change makes the per capita grant per pupil $10 in cities and towns of the first class, $15 in those of the second class, and $20 in those of the third class. The act as it now stands provides for a per capita grant of $10 in Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo. The restriction of the application of certain sections in the act to these four cities is no longer proper, seeing that we have now fifteen cities and towns having corporate powers. The change in the per capita grant is the principal alteration in the law, and there will be some doubt whether it is advisable to make the schools of the cities a greater charge upon the provincial revenue than they now are.

The seventh change provides for the appointment of school inspectors in cities of the first and second classes.

The eighth change provides for the election of a school board in rural localities not included in a school district.

The ninth change applies to temporary certificates of teachers, which are not to be issued except in case of sickness, until three months after the publication of the result of the annual teachers' examination in the Gazette.

The tenth change is one necessitated by the incorporation of new cities and towns, but does not alter the law.

The eleventh change applies to teachers' certificates and is as follows:

12. Section 67 of said act is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:

"67. The board of examiners shall have authority to grant certificates as follows:

"(1.) Third Class, Grade B, valid for one year; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for three years.

"(2.) Third Class, Grade A, valid for two years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for four years.

"(3.) Second Class, Grade B, valid for three years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years.

"(4.) Second Class, Grade A, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for life, or during good behavior.

"(5.) First Class, Grade B, valid for life, or during good behavior.

"(6.) First Class, Grade A, valid for life, or during good behavior.

The twelfth change is a new provision and reads thus:

5. Section 34 of said act is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:

"34. The salaries of teachers employed in the public schools in all incorporated cities and towns shall be fixed and paid at the discretion of the school trustees of said cities and towns respectively; and such salaries and all other expenses for the purchase and lease of school sites, erection, enlargement or rent of school buildings, for furniture and repairs, and all other incidental expenses whatsoever, incurred by the board of trustees in the respective cities and towns, shall be borne and paid by the municipal corporations of said cities and towns respectively."

We have not many comments to make upon these amendments. They appear unobjectionable except, perhaps, that relating to the per capita allowance to cities, and we refrain from expressing any opinion on this until we have heard what the government may say about it.

The Seattle Times thinks that Great Britain would be delighted to have the United States interfere and insist on arbitration with the Boers. What the Times does not know about international politics would fill all the libraries in the world.

Considerable interest attaches to the school for deaf and dumb children now conducted by Miss Merritt in this city. This lady seems to have demonstrated her capacity to deal with such children, and we submit it to be the duty of the government to investigate her work, and if it is found satisfactory to provide for its continuance, so that deaf mutes, resident in British Columbia, can have a school close at hand instead of having to be sent away for instruction at great expense.

A local paragraph in to-day's paper draws attention to a somewhat serious matter. Frequently persons going along the highways in the outskirts of the town hear shots fired close at hand. Some time a very serious accident may result from the careless use of firearms in such places. It is highly desirable that under no circumstances should the use of rifles by sportsmen be permitted in localities where human life may be put in peril. If there is no legislation to reach such matters, we will be allowed to express the hope that the greatest of care will be exercised by all persons making use of firearms near human habitations, public highways or fields in which either men or domestic animals are likely to be.

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VICTORIA TIDES.

By Mr. Napier Denison.

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Tuesday, Feb. 6.		Wednesday, Feb. 7.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time	Height above zero
1:00 a.m.	6.2 feet.	2.00 a.m	7.0 feet.
7:20 a.m.	9.0 feet.	8.10 p.m	8.8 feet
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January Donations.—The committee for the Home for Aged and Infirm Women thankfully acknowledge the following donations received during month of January: Mrs. Goodacre, magazines; Mrs. Sikes, plum pudding and oranges; Mrs. Blythe, fruit; Mrs. Lelland, Beaver Creek, Salt Spring Island, fruit; Mrs. Tracey, carrots; St. John's Guild, cakes; Mr. A. Wilson, cash; Times and Colonist, daily papers.

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Seamen's Institute.—The manager of the Seamen's Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt of two fine English dictionaries, donated to the institute by Senator Templeman and Mr. M. Burns, which now fill a long-felt want, and are much appreciated; also reading matter kindly donated during the past month by the following: Bishop of Columbia, Mrs. Geo. Gillespie, Mrs. Hewitt Bostock, Mrs. H. C. McDermid, Miss Goward, Mr. H. Burnett, Mr. W. H. Shaw, Mr. A. H. Jones, Colonist and Times daily papers. The committee are still waiting for some kind friend to send in the clock which is badly needed.

Claims the Pole.—Mrs. Hunt of Alert Bay has made a formal demand for the totem pole taken from Tongas by a Seattle excursion party and placed in Pioneer Square, Seattle. In a notice Mrs. Hunt says: "I wish to say that I alone own this totem pole. It was on my mother's grave. It was put up before she died so that she could see it. At that time I helped my mother to give away a lot of blankets and food so that the pole should have a name. The name of the pole is Na-sak-yalth. This happened thirty years ago. If anyone wants to buy the pole let them buy it from me. Then I will give them its history." The Seattleites paid two Indians $2,000 some time ago for the pole.

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Heating Plant.—The deputy commissioner of lands and works is calling for tenders for the installation and completion of the hot water heating apparatus in the court house.

Sailors' Rest.—Rev. J. P. Hicks has purchased an acre of land on the Esquimalt road near the Canteen grounds and will shortly commence the erection of a "Sailors' Rest."

Full Court.—The Full court met yesterday in the temporary court rooms over the old post office to hear the appeal in the Bank of British Columbia vs. Oppenheimer. As consul were not ready to proceed the hearing was adjourned until to-day.

"Singers and their songs," A. O. U. W. hall to-morrow night. *

Grand patriotic concert by the Daughters of St. George in the A. O. U. W. hall on Thursday, February 15. Minstrel troupe from H. M. S. Leander in attendance. Proceeds towards fund for clothing for soldiers in South Africa. *

Missionary Meeting.—Col. Reid of Ohio; Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, and Rev. W. H. Barraclough delivered addresses at the annual Sabbath School Juvenile Missionary meeting at the Centennial Methodist church on Sunday. An interesting programme was carried out by the children under the direction of Supt. Shakespeare.

Natural History Society.—Despite the stormy weather last night, the society's meeting was well attended to hear Mr. J. A. Hall's paper upon "Modern Explosives." As the author has taken a keen interest in this subject for years, and specially referred to various explosives being used in the present war, the evening proved intensely interesting and instructive to all present. A small sample of lyddite made by Mr. Hall was also shown.

Chicken Thieves Located.—Residents in the vicinity of the old cemetery on Blanchard street have for some time been missing chickens and the blame has been laid at the door of the dogs of the neighborhood. In the last few days, however, it has been learned that the cemetery is infested with raccoons and they have been found guilty of robbing the hen roosts. One of the gentry got into a private house recently and gave the female residents thereof a bad scare.

Troublesome Trespassers.—Four lads were up in the provincial police court yesterday morning for trespassing on the property of the B.C. Market Company at Cadboro Bay. They were James Malcolm, Archie and Thomas Clegg, brothers, and J. A. Kaniski. The B.C. Market Company did not wish to press the charges and the boys were let off with a caution and a fine of $2 each. The company have had considerable trouble with their stock at Cadboro Bay. Several sheep were shot last week and one of their horses was also shot. The manager of the company says that the next party caught will not get off so easily as they are determined to put a stop to this nuisance, and will prosecute all trespassers on their property.

Military Ball.—The annual military ball of Companies 5 and 6, formerly No. 3 Company, Fifth Regiment, which was held in A.O.U.W. hall last night, proved the success that had been anticipated. There were fully 150 couple in attendance and good music and a splendid floor helped to make the evening pass pleasantly. The hall was prettily decorated with flags, bunting and evergreens, and the uniforms of the military men brightened the scene. Among the guests were Mayor Hayward and family, Lieut.-Col. Gregory and officers of the Fifth Regiment and a number of naval and regular army men. The ball committee, to whom a great deal of credit is due, is composed of H. J. Stevenson, president; R. H. Johnston, secretary; and H. G. Mason, W. W. Gaberill and E. Goddard.

Rev. Mr. Speer lectures, "Singers and their songs," A.O.U.W. hall to-morrow night. *

"The Little Minister."—Charles Frohman's Company in "The Little Minister" will be seen at the Victoria theatre to-morrow evening. It's fame has preceded it here and the play will undoubtedly be seen by an audience that will test the capacity of the theatre. The play is by Mr. J. M. Barrie, the famous author, and is a dramatization of his well-known novel of that name. It is one of the few plays of to-day that can be enjoyed more than once. With the average person "The Little Minister" is the play rather than the novel, and Barrie is the dramatist rather than the novelist. It is the very quality of naturalness which has had so much to do with "The Little Minister's" success. The utter absence of artificiality refreshes the most jaded palate and revives the most blase. Another point in which the play is particularly strong is its portrayal of character. The quartette in the manse garden is a study in types, not one exaggeration. Some one has suggested, and quite pertinently, that "The Little Minister" as a play should be rechristened "Babbie," certainly Babbie's fascinating personality permeates and dominates every scene. Mr. Frohman has, it is said, given this comedy an unusually strong cast and the production will be, it is promised, complete in every respect. Ever since the play was produce theatre-goers have been anxious to see it, and now that the opportunity will be offered them there is not a doubt that it will be received here with as much enthusiasm as it has been elsewhere.

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To Prosecute A Newspaper

Ministers to Make Summary Test of Editor's Views of His Privilege.

Liquor License Bill Again in Committee—Other Matters in Legislature.

Attorney-General Henderson announced yesterday in the legislature yesterday that he had instituted criminal proceedings against Editor Wentworth Sarel, of the Kamloops Standard, and the writer of an article, which appeared in the last issue of that paper. The article for which the men will be prosecuted had reference to a previous article in the paper dealing with the opening of parliament and for which the government proposed taking action against the publishers of the Standard. The matter was brought up by Mr. Joseph Martin.

There was little else of interest in yesterday's proceedings, the greater part of the time being devoted to consideration of the liquor license bill and the arranging of the members to have their photographs taken.

PETITIONS.

Rev. Canon Beanlands having read prayers, the House opened for business at 2.15, and petitions were presented by the following:

Mr. Macpherson—From the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council with reference to the amendment of the Vancouver City charter.

Mr. Green—From the Kaslo Board of Trade, asking that the eight-hour law be neither repealed nor modified.

The petition presented by Mr. Tisdall on Friday, with respect to the amendment of Vancouver's charter, from the corporation of that city, was ruled out of order by Mr. Speaker as involving an expenditure of public money.

The petition of the citizens of Greenwood, in regard to the retention in its entirety of the eight-hour law, was read and duly received.

PATRIOTIC DAWSON.

Hon. Dr. McKechnie rose to say that if he might be privileged he would like to read to the house a telegram from Dawson in the line of similar messages read to the house on the loyalty of Canadians generally to the mother country in the present crisis in South Africa. The telegram read:

Dawson, N. W. T., via Bennett, January, 26, 1900.

C. H. Gibbons, Victoria:

Re provincial and Strathcona offers. Inform government I can raise fifty or more rough riders and police here for service South Africa.

(sd.) HENRY J. WOODSIDE,

Capt. Canadian Cavalry, unattached.

"We have," said Hon. Dr. McKechnie, "repeatedly heard offers from all parts of the Empire except the far north. The east, the west and the south have joined hands in offering succor to the mother country in the war in South Africa, and now we have a far cry coming to us from the northermost city in the British Empire—Dawson City. The same feeling of patriotism, the same loyalty, as is felt in other parts of the Empire, exists in that distant portion of the Queen's domain. Even 50 or 60 degrees below zero is not sufficient to make their patriotism cold. (Applause.)

The reading of the telegram and the remarks of the President of the Council, were received with enthusiastic applause in which both government and opposition joined heartily.

The telegram was then transferred to the keeping of the Premier.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Macpherson presented the fourth report of the railway committee, recommending to the house the Vancouver & Lulu Island Railway Act amendment bill.

Mr. Green presented a ninth report from the private bills committee, stating the preamble proved of the North Kootenay Water, Power & Light Company's incorporation bill; also that the rules had not been complied with by the promoters of the Imperial Pacific Railway Company.

RETURNS PRESENTED.

Returns were presented by Hon. Mr. Cotton, respecting the case of the Craigflower road's status as a highway, and in connection with the decrease of wages and simultaneous increase of hours of labor of certain road laborers in North Victoria district. A return with reference to the dismissal of William Stephenson from the office of government agent at Quesnelle, was laid on the table by Hon. Mr. Semlin.

SCURRILOUS LITERATURE.

Before the orders of the day were entered upon, Mr. Joseph Martin claimed indulgence to direct the attention of the house to an article appearing in the most recent issue of the Kamloops Standard which aggravated the original offence of that paper against the dignity of the crown and against common decency. The government had not as yet redeemed its promise to the house by making known as to its intentions with respect to the original article, and it was clearly evidenced by this second article that the publisher understood nothing was to be done—indeed this new article was the result of doing nothing. He read the most recent publication, as follows:

"The great 'high treason' case has for some reason or other been dropped like a hot potato. The tempest in a teacup has been stilled. I don't know why. Possibly the itching palms that stirred it up have been duly silvered—possibly an all-wise Providence has opened the eyes of the Speaker and his colleagues and shown them what fools they were making of themselves at the bluff of a political knave—or again, possibly some wiser head has informed this heterogeneous mass of incapacity of the real truth that all educated men, including the writer of the article, knew all along, namely, that neither legislature nor courts had a vestige of power to interfere in the matter. Be this as it may, both prairie wolf and government jackal have come out of the blaze with their fur badly singed and smelling high."

After he had directed the attention of the house to the original article—the grossest criminal libel in all probability that was ever perpetrated in any Canadian province against any high official of Her Majesty—it was declared by the editor that the objectionable article was published without his approval, and an apology was made. Now, however, seeing that the government was taking no step for the punishment of the author of the libel, it was not only repeated, but justified and boasted of. He would like to know what the government intended to do.

Hon. Mr. Henderson, replying, said that as the honorable member for Vancouver and other honorable members were quite aware, the Kamloops Standard purported to be published by a limited liability company, duly incorporated. This being the case, it had been the intention of the government to proceed against that company for defamatory libel at the next sitting—or a special sitting—of the court of assize. As the insult to the crown had now been repeated and emphasized, it would, however, become necessary in all probability to deal with the writer and the editor in their individual capacities. To speak plainly, the government had at first regarded the writer of the objectionable reference as not of sufficient importance to justify any action being taken against him personally. It had been thought best to deal with the responsible company. The situation appeared to have been changed by the latest publication, which had only been brought to his notice on Saturday, and he had already given instructions to institute summary proceedings against the writer and the editor of the paper. He assured the honorable member for Vancouver City that the government had no intention, and had had no intention, of allowing the matter to drop.

Mr. Martin was pleased to receive this assurance, but did not see that the more recent publication in any way changed the case—it could not make the original insult to the representative of the crown any more gross or flagrant. He looked upon it as utter nonsense in such a case to proceed against a company—certainly no one cared two straws about the Kamloops Standard Publishing Co., or what was done to them. It was the individual who was guilty of the crime—the man himself—who should be punished. The duty of the government from the first had been to proceed against the writer and the editor; they might even deal with those who sold the paper containing the libel. He was glad to see that the government intended proceeding on these lines without any further delay.

THE MOTION FOR SUPPLY.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Cotton, seconded by Hon. Mr. Semlin, it was ordered that supply be granted to Her Majesty and that the house resolve itself into committee of the whole on Thursday to consider the resolution.

NEW LEGISLATION.

Bills to amend the Railway Assessment Act (Attorney-General), and the Revenue Tax Act (Finance Minister) were introduced, read a first time and set for second reading at the next sitting of the house. The bill to amend the Public School Act was also introduced by message from His Honor and received its introductory reading prior to distribution.

WILL BE PRINTED.

Mr. Turner moved that the correspondence with respect to the cancellation of Thomas Tugwell's pre-emption claim at Log Cabin be printed, a motion to which Premier Semlin signified the government's approval.

"Shall the motion pass?" said Mr. Speaker.

"Aye," said everyone but Mr. Deane.

"No," said that gentleman.

The motion passed.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

The house then went into committee (Mr. McBride chairman) on the Liquor License Act amendment bill.

Mr. Booth suggested that the chief constable of the district should be appointed as a third member of the board of commissioners. This, however, was not approved by Mr. Cotton, as it would make it appear that the government wished to control the granting of licenses, whereas the idea was to give local option as far as possible.

Mr. Joseph Martin said if the commissioners were proper men there was no necessity to have a third. If they did not agree the license would not issue. The law was clear on that point. If in North Victoria the commissioners had not done right, the facts should be laid before the government.

Mr. Henderson said the commissioner complained of had not been re-committed.

Mr. Eberts said the old act evidently contemplated the appointment of a third commissioner.

Mr. Cotton said the law had worked very well for two years. There had been few complaints, but many requests to have it apply to other districts.

Mr. Joseph Martin said the honorable leader of the opposition had not been quite correct the other day in saying this act had to be all changed. If the honorable leader of the opposition would look back on his own term as premier, he would seen that scarcely any act he had brought in had to be changed less than the one now under discussion. The principle was not affected, but the merest details.

Mr. A. W. Smith said it should be made more plain that constables should act as inspectors all through the year, and not just at the time a license was asked for.

Mr. Cotton said as a rule this was done, and the government was in receipt of numerous reports on which the commissioners would doubtless decline to renew a license. The question of appointing partisans of the government as license commissioners came up incidentally, and provoked quite a long speech on this point by Mr. Joseph Martin, who declared himself strongly opposed to such a practice. He said it should not be made a political matter. In the appointment of civil servants, however, he admitted that preference should be shown to their own supporters.

Mr. J. M. Martin explained that where government supporters had been selected it was merely incidental, the best men for the positions being of their own political faith.

On each of the clauses some discussion took place, the net result of which was that some slight alterations were made on a line with previous suggestions by honorable members on both sides of the house. As to the number of days' notice to be required of advertisement, considerable discussion took place. Mr. Joseph Martin proposed to make it 21 days, but this was voted down. Mr. Prentice voted with the opposition. The government then volunteered to accept 14 days.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Martin said that he had drawn up the act himself and had it passed last session, and consequently took a deep interest in it. He would therefore like the government to explain why they had proposed to change the time to seven days.

Mr. Pooley was pleased to hear Mr. Martin admit that he had drawn the act. It showed that there was nothing in the statement of an Esquimalt license commissioners that it had been found in a pigeon-hole by the government.

The government did not give the information asked for by Mr. Martin.

When the clause providing for the repeal of the bond was reached, Mr. Deane moved the striking out of subsections in the old act providing that an applicant for a license must apply to his neighbors for an affidavit saying that he had not been convicted of felony and that he was 21 years of age.

Objection to the bond repeal came from Messrs. Joseph Martin and Booth. The former sympathized, however, with Mr. Deane's desires provided they were confined to renewals.

Mr. Helmcken moved that sections (c) and (d) of the old act—those referring to the bond and the felony matter—shall not appiy to applicants for renewal of licenses.

Mr. Deane therefore withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Booth again objected to the bond provision being repealed, and discussion on Mr. Helmcken's motion was deferred.

Mr. Neill moved to amend section 12 of the old act by adding a new clause (4 of this bill) as follows: "Applicants for renewal of licenses shall not be required to pay the above mentioned sum of $10."

Mr. J. Martin said he understood the intention of the government was to abolish the $10 fee altogether.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton—Yes.

Mr. J. Martin—Well this does not abolish it.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. J. Martin did not object to that $10 being thrown off, but he wished the principle to be extended to everyone. He would test the feeling of the house by moving an amendment to strike out the words, "along with the sum of $10" in the third and fourth lines of section 12 of the act of last year.

Hon. Mr. Semlin—That will attain the same object.

Mr. J. Martin—That includes everybody.

The amendment was defeated.

The committee rose and reported progress.

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The Board Of Aldermen

Little Outside of Routine Business Transacted at Last Evening's Session.

Request to Defer Action on Sorby Scheme--Park Improvements Suggested.

Little of importance was transacted at last evening's session of the council, though several interesting reports were submitted. There were present His Worship Mayor Hayward and a full board.

Hon. C. A. Semlin wrote acknowledging the receipt of a communication from the council endoring the desirability of the opening of the Omenica district.

E. V. Bodwell forwarded a letter saying it would be impossible to furnish the council with the conditions of the subsidy asked for in connection with the Cilliwack railway until Tuesday evening (to-night). Received and laid upon the table.

Ald. Beckwith moved that the council meet this evening (Tuesday) to consider the scheme presented by Mr. Bodwell and other matters, which was carried.

J. G. Elliot requested a list of such buildings as had been inspected by the city for electric light wiring, on behalf of the board of fire underwriters. On motion of Ald. Stewart the communication was received and filed and the inspector ordered to report monthly to the council.

Alex. Watson wrote protesting against the scheme to build a new High school until Victoria West's needs had been attended to. Referred to board of school trustees.

Thorton Fell asked for the extension of the sewerage system up Cadboro Bay road to connect with his property. Received and laid upon the table until the next meeting of the sewerage committee.

M. Baker forwarded a communication directing the attention of the board to the necessity of an enquiry being held into the work of the fire department on the occasion of the fire on the corner of Government and Chatham streets. Mr. Baker clamed that the fire department was late in getting to the scene, and when the fire was over poured water on his hay unnecessarily.

Ald. Beckwith was in favor of holding til he and others shall have an opportun- given Mr. Baker to state his case.

Ald. Yates pointed out that it had already been stated that an inquiry had been made by the fire department and it was found that on the occasion of the fire the alarm system was out of order. However, he would favor the holding of an investigation.

Ald. Stewart also explained that to his knowledge the alarm system on the occasion of the fire was out of order. In regard to Mr. Baker's complaint about the hay, even yesterday two men had to go and extinguish incipient blazes amongst it. The investigation as requested was ordered.

D. R. Ker wrote requesting the council to defer action in connection with the improvements to Victoria harbor until a conference shall be arranged between the city and others who are interested in harbor improvements.

Ald. Beckwith explained to the council that Mr. Ker was bitterly opposed to the Sorby harbor scheme.

Ald. Cameron said that Mr. Ker only asked that in the event of the money being voted, expenditure being delayed until he and others shall have an opporunity of meeting the council.

Ald. Kinsman thought it would be desirable to have a conference. It was a big scheme and all the citizens should have a voice in the matter. If any money were spent they would have to pay the bill and should be consulted.

Ald. Stewart moved that the communication be received and the conference be arranged for, but this was amended and Mr. Ker will be informed that no obligation will be incurred by the city until the estimates have been passed.

The committee on harbor improvement reported the acceptance of the Harris tender for boring and recommended an appropriation of $3,000 in connection with their work.

Received and laid upon the table until estimates are passed.

Ald. Williams wanted such action taken as would if possible get the Dominion government to make the appropriations they should under the circumstances.

The city engineer in his weekly report advised against the petition for a sewer on Michigan street between Menzies and Oswego, as at present the funds available should be spent where the greatest rental can be obtained. He recommended pipe connections with the surface drain at the intersection of Menzies and Niagara streets, that the sidewalk on the north side of Fort street east of Cook be retarred; and the construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Niagara street west of Menzies when an encroaching sidewalk is moved back.

The first clause was referred back to the city engineer to ascertain how much of the street could be drained eastward. A few minor amendments being suggested, the report was adopted.

The water commissioner called attention to the delapidated condition of the seven wooden water troughs now in use for horses, and recommended that they all be removed and new troughs of steel, properly fitted, be placed, one on Douglas street near Meldram's, one at the corner of Wharf and Yates street, and one on the road to the Outer Whaf, say, at the corner of Kingston and Montreal streets.

The report was referred the streets' comittee.

The water commissioner recommended the extension of the water system up Baronet street. The recommendation was adopted.

The water commissioner asked that immediate action be taken with respect to his report of January in favor of installing a pumping station on the 16-inch main at the North Dairy farm, as it is necessary to have the pump working by the middle of July.

This report was adopted.

E. B. Marvin & Co., asked to withdraw their tender for oil, which had been accepted by the city. Received and the request granted.

The market superintendent reported having received $112.25 in fees during the month of January.

The superintendent of the Old Men's Home wrote asking for an increase of salary. Received and ordered to be considered with the estimates.

Edward More and others presented a petition asking for a better light on Esquimalt road. Referred to electric light committee for report.

The fire wardens reported as follows:

Gentlemen: Your fire wardens committee having considered the undermentioned subject, beg to report and recommend as follows:

That an offer has been received since the last meeting of the council to sell to the corporation a combined chemical engine and hose wagon for the sum of $1,727.-50, the same to be delivered on the wharf at Victoria from A. G. Long of Portland, Ore. In view of the saving that would be made to the city, the fire wardens would strongly recommend the purchase of the above engine.

The report, after some discussion was received and adopted.

The park committee recommended appropriations of $350 for repairing roads; $200 for painting band-stand and removing it to a place nearer the lake at the other side of the deer run; $90 for seats, swings and signs, more seats to be placed along the sea front and near the lakes; $130 for rebuilding bridges; $41 for the fence at the corner of the Dallas road and Catherine street; $565 for the aviary; $500 for band concerts, to be held alternately on Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons; $50 for clearing lakes of rubbish, and $50 for pipe to supply lakes.

Ald. Hall moved the adoption of the report. The matter had been gone into thoroughly and a very conservative sum was asked for. As for music, it was a necessity, he thought.

Ald. Beckwith thought the report should be laid over and taken up with the estimates.

Ald. Cameron was of the same opinion. The sum asked for was rather a large one and the expenditure should be fully considered.

Ald. Yates explained as a member of the park committee that the report had been gone into most carefully.

Ald. Kinsman thought the report might just as well lay over for a week.

The report was received and laid upon the table.

The various standing committee submitted reports, which were received and adopted.

The Mayor reported having received a communication from a resident of Cedar Hill enclosing a copy of the London Times, June 22, 1815, which he offered to the city as an interesting relic.

The annual revenue by-law was then read a first time, and the council adjourned.

MUTES' SCHOOL.

Financial Statement and Letter by Rev. A. B. Winchester, a Visitor.

Miss H. W. Merritt of the school for the deaf, dumb and blind has forwarded the following financial statement and letter from Rev. A. B. Winchester:

RECEIVED.

Subscriptions on list prepared by Hon. Mr. Semlin $122. Received on list	$117 00
Gifts not on list	29 05
Appropriation by city council	50 00
Tuition from Mrs. Campbell for her two children	2 50
From concert (given for a benefit)	17 00
Christmas tree gifts	2 90
Total	$218 45

PAID.

Rent and school supplies from Sept. 25 to Jan. 25	$44 50
Daily Colonist for 250 copies petition to Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council	2 50
Rent of A. O. U. W. Hall for concert	7 50
To Geo. Gillespie, Esq., treasurer committee of fund for 1900	10 00
Total	$64 50

Since August 19, 1899, to January 27, I have devoted nearly all my time day and evening to the interest of this school, in one way or another. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. MERRITT.

To Whom it May Concern:

Since October, 1899, I have visited three times the school for deaf, dumb and blind presently held in A. O. U. W. building, this city, and conducted by Miss H. W. Merritt. I make no claim to be a professional educationalist, nor a specialist in the almost neglected—so far as our province is concerned—department of education and philanthropy now under review, but as a layman deeply sympathetic with the movement to establish a permanent institution for the benefit of such unfortunate of the classes already described, who are or may be residents of our province, I may be allowed to testify as follows:

1. That in my judgment the need for such an institution has been demonstrated (a) by the amount which our provincial government expends for deaf mutes being educated in other provinces and in the United States; (b) by the number of pupils now in the school (5) and those reported from other parts of the province; (c) by the success of Miss Merritt's efforts with the pupils.

2. That Miss Merritt's work on behalf of her pupils, for the past four months averaging only 15 hours per week, has been in my opinion very successful. (a) In physical development. In four pupils vocal and aural powers thought to have been atrophied or dormant have responded to treatment and are growing encouragingly. The sense of touch in one blind pupil recently admitted shows improvement—besides this good effects of the general physical culture, which is an integral part of Miss Merritt's system. (b) Mental powers have been developed in each of the pupils. One pupil—a young woman heretofore incorrectly designated imbecile—has evinced a mental awakening and gives promise of artistic talent far beyond mediocrity. The Campbell children in three brief months have learned to read and write very well indeed for children without previous training. (c) Industrial development. This department is of necessity limited, but what is shown of samples of sewing, and the children demonstrating their mimic housekeeping, are calculated to materially aid these young lives to usefulness and independence, and even these beginnings are creditable alike to teacher and scholar. (d) Moral development. In this department I believe deaf mutes present greater difficulty than ordinary pupils. But a difficulty appreciated is half overcome.

Miss Merritt happily realizes that in awakening and harmony of the will power of the pupil—in the development of self-control, concentration and application—on these all the success of her work depends.

I congratulate Miss Merritt on having successfully, through much labor and patience, lifted up the need for the proposed institution to the public eye, and I congratulate the province on the election of a temporary board of trustees, of the weight and wisdom with which its personell endows it, and I express the hope that their honorary and valued service will speedily result in an institution for the deaf, dumb and blind commensurate with its needs, and equipped as befitteth the most modern and progressive of the provinces of our fair Dominion.

Yours truly,

A. B. WINCHESTER.

Other letters were written by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, Bishop Perrin, Rev. W. L. Clay, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Mr. Grundy, Mrs. McInnes and Mrs. Hayward.

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To Prosecute A Newspaper.

(Continued From Fifth Page.)

Speaker Forster having taken the chair announced that a photographer was ready to take a photograph of the chamber with the members in their seats and suggested a recess for the purpose.

Mr. Joseph Martin protested against this. The photographer should wait until the house adjourned instead of interfering with the work.

Premier Semlin moved that the house adjourn for fifteen minutes to allow the photograph to be taken, but Mr. Martin said that was just as bad as a recess and he was backed by Mr. Deane.

It was suggested that the Speaker see 6 o'clock, as the government announced that there would be a night session.

Mr. Turner suggested that as a number of the members had purchased tickets for the Nevada concert a night session be not held and Mr. Semlin therefore moved that the house at its rising stand adjourned until 2 this afternoon.

As the motion passed, Mr. Deane was on his feet to protest. First, he asked if the time of the house was to be wasted to allow a photograph to be taken and then they were to forego a night session because a few members wished to go to a concert.

The last words of the member for North Yale were drowned in a buzz of conversation and the Attorney-General ventured to call order.

The Speaker (vehemently and rapping loudly with his gavel)—I would like the Hon. the Attorney-General to understand that it is my place to keep order in this house.

The Attorney-General subsided and Mr. Deane having completed his protest, Mr. Kidd rose to object.

After Col. Baker and Mr. Joseph Martin had pointed out that it was unusual to hold night sessions without due notice having been given, the house adjourned at 5.15 until 2 this afternoon.

Then three-quarters of an hour was spent in arranging the members for the photograph and the picture was taken.

GALLERY NOTES.

Messrs. Higgins, Macpherson, McBride and Prentice of the parliamentary select committee of inquiry in that behalf, went over to the New Westminster Insance Asylum on Saturday. Mr. Higgins did not return.

It is anticipated that the estimates when they do come down, which is promised to be in the course of the next few days, will surprise the most enthusiastic advocates of liberal expenditures. Possibly the government realizes the danger of refusing any of its followers anything.

Mr. C. Wentworth Sarel, editor of the Kamloops Standard, was in the press gallery yesterday, to hear the Attorney-General anuounce the intention of the government to proceed summarily against himself and the author of recent insults in the Standard to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Messrs. Donaldson, Cleve and Herley of Nanaimo City have offered their services to the Queen, in South Africa, through Mr. Ralph Smith.

Premier Semlin has set a pretty fashion in decorating his desk with floral triumphs. The effect is good.

Here is Mr. Kellie's already famous "short hair" bill—now up for second reading in the legislature—in its bald entirety:

1. This act may be cited as the "Short Hair Act, 1900.

2. The word "mine" in this act shall include a coal, metalliferous or placer mine.

3. No owner, agent or manager of a mine shall employ underground in any mine to which this act applies, or allow to be underground in such mine for the purpose of employment, any person who has or wears hair on the scalp of his head over six inches in length.

4. Any persons violating any of the provisions of this act shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten or more than fifty dollars and costs, and in default of payment to one month's imprisonment.

5. Proceedings for the violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be taken in a summary way before a stipendiary or police magistrate or a justice of the peace.

Hon. Mr. Henderson's bill amending the Railway Assessment Act merely corrects a clerical error in numbering.

The private bills committee have approved the bill for the incorporation of the Western Telephone & Telegraph Company of Vancouver.

It will be several days yet before the private bills committee complete their work with the Vancouver City amendment bill.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Mr. Joseph Martin—To ask leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act to repeal chapter 50 of the Statutes of 1899, being the Placer Mining Act Amendment Act, 1899.

By Hon. Mr. Henderson—To amend the Municipal Clauses Act.

By Hon. Mr. Henderson—To amend the Rossland Water Power Company's Act.

By Hon. Mr. Henderson—To amend the Magistrates Act.

By Mr. Cotton—To introduce a bill to provide for the establishment of a bureau of labor statistics, and also for the formation of councils of conciliation and arbitration.

The healthy old man wears his gray hairs like a silver crown. What if he be threescore and ten if there is still fire in his eye, firmness in his step, command in his voice, and wisdom in his counsel. He commands love and reverence. Yet how few wear the mantle of age with dignity. Dim eyed, querulous of speech, halting in step, childish in mind, they "lag superfluous on the stage," dragging out the fag end of life in a simple existence. The secret of a healthy old age is a healthy middle age. The man who takes care of his stomach, who keeps his body properly nourished, will find that the ody does not fall him in old age. The great value of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery lies in the preservation of the working power of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. From this centre is distributed the nourishment of the whole body, the salt for the blood, the lime for the bones, phosphates for the brain and nerves. A sound stomach means a sound man. A man who keeps his stomach sound by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery" will wear the crown of gray hairs as befits a monarch, with dignity and ease.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Important Section of the Bill Introduced by Mr. McBride.

The all-important section in Mr. McBride's bill to amend the Municipal Elections Act reads as follows:

3. Instead of the method of voting now in force, it shall be competent for municipalities by resolution or by-law to adopt the system of voting hereinafter provided.

The votes in this system shall be given as follows:

(a.) The returning officer shall in the day previous to the polling deliver to the deputy returning officer for each polling division one voting machine, known as the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine, which machine shall be provided by the municipal council.

(b.) The deputy returning officer for each polling division shall upon the opening of the poll open and expose to view in the presence of the candidates (if present) and their agents or any person in their behalf then present the dials upon the registers and any other parts of the mechanism of said machine and then lock and seal the same, and the keys thereof shall be kept by him, and the said dials shall not be reopened until the close of the poll.

(c.) Every elector shall vote according to the instructions provided for the proper working of said Imperial Automatic Voting machine;

(d.) Immediately after the close of the poll, the deputy returning officer shall, in the presence of the clerk and the candidates or their agents, and if the candidates and their agents are absent, then in the presence of at least three electors, open the face of the dials of the voting registers and take down the numbers which the dials record and then re-lock and seal the same;

(e.) The deputy returning officer shall make out a statement of the number of votes registered for each candidate, which statement shall be signed by himself and each of the candidates or their agents, and he shall make and keep by him a copy of such statement and enclose in a sealed package the original statement, together with the voters' lists, a list of the electors who voted, and such other lists and documents as may have been used at such election. The sealed package and voting machine shall be delivered forthwith to the returning officer;

(f.) Upon receiving the voting machines and sealed packages from the several deputy returning officers, the returning officer shall, in the presence of such candidates or their agents as may be in attendance, count the number of votes as shown by the statements of the deputy returning officers as the number of votes to which each candidate is entitled, and shall forthwith declare to be elected the candidate or candidates to whom the majority of votes have been given.

4. When any municipality has adopted the voting machine as their mode of conducting elections, all clauses in the Municipal Elections Act conflicting with this act shall not apply to the conduct of elections in said municipality, so long as the use of the voting machine for conducting elections shall be maintained in said municipality.

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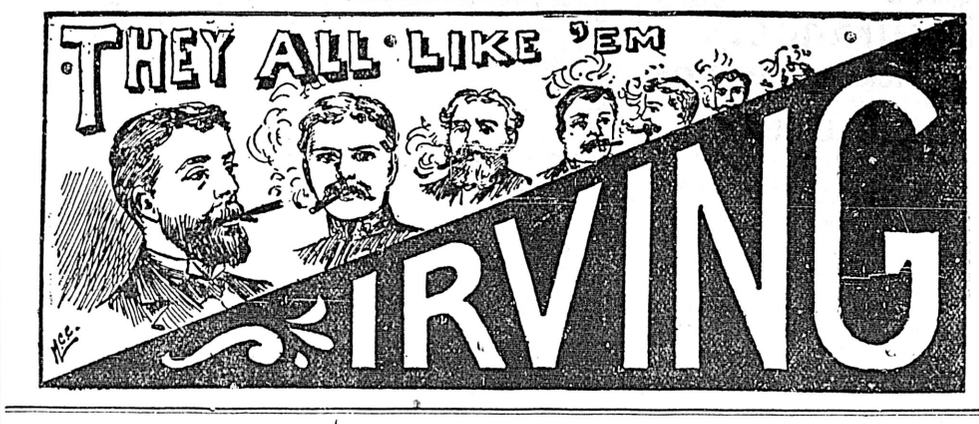

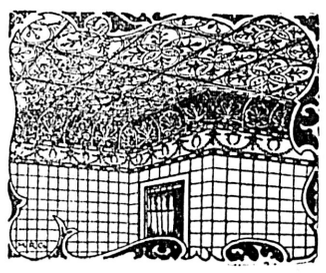

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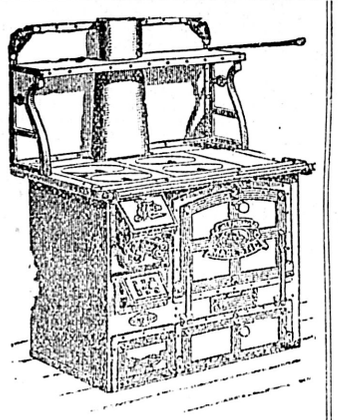

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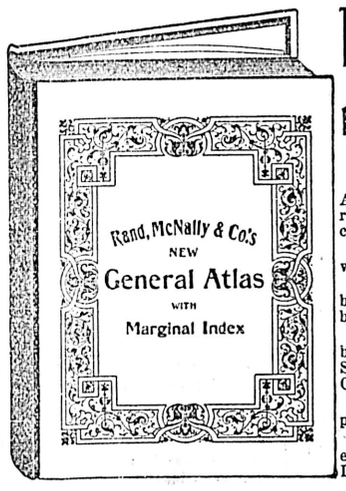

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Letters to The Editor.

DANGER.

Sir: I wish to direct the attention of the board of health to a dangerous pond of filth around a Chinese laundry from a stable on the corner of Vancouver and Yates streets. PLAGUE.

STREET CROSSINGS.

Sir: If there is one thing that is required more than another in Victoria, it is a few good street crossings. A few "lady aldermen" on the board would soon have this matter remedied. It is simply surprising that the people of Victoria will tolerate such "crossings" as for instance that between the post office and James Bay bridge. What must strangers think when on the way to the government buildings? They must first wade through two or three inches of mud. A very small sum of money would make a vast improvement in this respect, and a dozen "block" crossings on the most frequented streets would be money well invested.

GUM BOOTS.

THE COST OF EDUCATION.

Sir: I have to thank Mr. Eaton for his very courteous comment on my letter re education. From what he writes I gather that he does not find fault with my general argument, but thinks the remedy I suggest with regard to the High schools is not a feasible one. I acknowledge that Mr. Eaton writes on educational matters with an authority to which I can lay no claim. Perhaps I was rash in proposing a remedy without sufficient knowledge as to its feasibility. I should have thought, however, that these schools might be made self-supporting by the imposition of suitable fees, Mr. Eaton thinks not. If he is right and the general taxpayer cannot be relieved in that way, or by an endowment raised by voluntary subscription, then, in my opinion, the High schools should be closed. Mr. Eaton says "he does not know of any part of the world in which higher education is made self-supporting." I take him to mean state education, and I submit that even if that is the case it does not touch my argument. Two or more wrongs cannot make one right, and I would ask Mr. Eaton if he knows of any other part of the world where one-fifth of the whole general revenue is spent on education.

EDWARD MUSGRAVE.

Duncan Station, Feb. 3, 1900.

A MENACE TO HEALTH.

Sir: I write to call attention to a terrible nuisance that has long existed with ever-accumulating intensity along this road. All the drains from the various houses seem to find a final lodgement under the public sidewalk from Esquimalt to the Indian reserve. The dreadful stench from these numerous cesspools is absolutely inimical to health, and must lead to scourge. We have already the beginning in a scarlet fever case and a death from typhoid; both young people passed up and down the road daily. This is the sidewalk that the children are sent out on for constitutionals, and hundreds walk up and down it daily. I hear some of the more public-spirited residents have tried to get aid from the government to remedy matters, but without success. Perhaps our government thinks Esquimalt is numerically large enough to either incorporate with the Victoria municipality, or form one for themselves. However, pending the solution of the question, would it not be advisable to get the opinion of the provincial health officer on the matter, and represent the case through him in detail to the government to get a grant? This, with a small sum levied on every householder, should at any rate lay a main drain with proper outlet. Mr. Mohun's plans for the drainage of Victoria have by degrees been carried out. Could he not be called upon to suggest some scheme for this side of the bridge and Victoria West, where from eyes and nose I should judge that in the matter of drainage every man did that which was right in his own eyes. I was asking a workingman how they managed in Esquimalt village. "Oh," said he, "we chucks our dirt into our neighbors' back gardings when they ain't a-looking; same with our used water." However, he may have been romancing, and I have not heard of anybody dying of cholera morbus since the case of my husband buried some nine years ago.

CHARLOTTE ELLISON.

Esquimalt, Feb. 2, 1900.

THE STANDARD'S OFFENCE.

Sir: While I was watching the proceedings of the legislative assembly this afternoon, I noticed Mr. Joseph Martin with a copy of the Kamloops Standard in his hand, and naturally concluded that he was about to persist in carrying out the threat he made last year to a reporter on that paper (in the flowery language that constant association with experts has made him so proficient in) that he would crush it out of existence. Nor was I doomed to disappointment; with his now familiar glare he read a paragraph from the Victoria correspondent of that paper, at the luckless Attorney-General, in such a way that that honest official felt that he had better take the matter up or his predecessor would know the reason why. Of course the Attorney-General fell into the trap and agreed to prosecute, and should he proceed as he has signified his intention to do, the editor will be willing to accept the responsibility.

But, sir, is not a ridiculous mistake being made, and has not the ex-Attorney-General succeeded in laying a nice trap for the gentleman at present filling his shoes, and is not Mr. Martin trying to make His Honor and the government ridiculous, while he is really gratifying his passion for personal revenge on the paper that dared to point out the menace to the province his political existence was?

There is an old proverb that "Women, children and dogs whine, men don't." Let me recommend our worthy government to make a note of this, and even should their feelings be hurt, for pride's sake let them refrain from unmanly tears over the use of the prerogative of the press of "free speech." If the pen of "Observer" is, as Mr. Martin maintains, scurrilous (and he is an authority on the subject), the good taste of the public will cause the death of the notorious letters, but the public is after all the supreme judge, and will not allow just but forceful criticism to be downed by the persons who are exposed by it.

The offence against the Lieutenant-Governor was unintentional and apologized for. The offence that Mr. Martin sees is strictly personal, and all who have watched his kaleidoscopic career will at once recognize that the freedom of the press in Mr. Martin's opinion is to be tempered by personal bias.

EDITOR KAMLOOPS STANDARD.

Victoria, Feb. 5, 1900.

BRITISH OFFICERS.

Sir: "Vacancies among officers to be filled by promotion from the ranks."

On the front page of last night's Times and to-day's Colonist appear the above reading. The Associated Press telegram goes on to give a long extract from a letter to one of the London papers, said to be written by a British officer, wherein he stated that the class of society from which British officers are drawn is "distinctly degenerated, due to "lack of intellectual training, and the dissipation and vice of the aristocracy," and" that by intermarrying and devotion to athletic sports, the class so largely supplying officers will consist of splendidly developed idiots."

Has anything more ungenerous and untrue been disseminated through the length and breadth of the land?

It is utterly false that there is an absence of intellectual culture amongst British officers in these days. This must be so, as year after year the examinations, general and technical, have become more and more severe, so much so that there are hundreds of young Britishers in every colony who have had nominations and failed to pass for cavalry and infantry; how much the more for artillery and engineers! In fact, it is universally admitted that such a high standard could not be sustained were any special call made for the army. Of course there was a time—the Peninsular and Waterloo and just up to the Crimea—when there was no examination at all, but practically none of those officers are now left.

Not belonging to the aristocracy, I can say without prejudice that the scions of titled families have shown a noble example to high and low, as they cannot be suspected of seeking either rank or pay. Within the last few months there have died in battle the senior English marquis, Major Lord Winchester, well known as a cultivated and estimable man. Lord Ava also was no idiot, and many others. Lord Atcheson, Lord Ed. Cecil, Lord W. Bentinck and numerous other peers' sons, were amongst the wounded.

Any one who knows the English army is aware that all staff appointments must be filled by men who have held appointments previously (and are rapidly dying out) or have passed through the Staff college, for which they are not eligible until they have served two years in their regiment, and which they enter after a most stringent competitive examination, and been approved of by the commander-in-chief; the same in passing out. After a twelve-month's residence in the college, further, they serve six months in each of the branches of the army except that to which they belong. They then return to their regiments to do duty till wanted for a staff vacancy, a greater or less time according to their standing on passing out of the college. The staff of the army is justly likened to the eyes and rains of the body; every movement is directed by it. I have endeavored to show that first having to pass an almost prohibitive examination to enter the army, and then two years afterwards, having the Staff college curriculum to go through, covering another two years, of which one is in residence, the "eyes and brains" of our service should not be branded as from an "idiot" class; nor should the regimental officers either, who have merely to obey, and do it bravely, and unquestionably these they do.

By all means have largely promotion from the ranks, for very obvious reasons; but it is not an unmixed blessing either to the service or the individual supposed to be rewarded by it. Of course it is utterly idle quoting the names of certain officers from the ranks, who are bright examples, such as Colonels Luke O'Connor, 23rd R.W.F.; Hector MacDonald, the Gordon Highlanders; E. C. Knox, 19th Hussars, and others, as exponents of its efficacy, for in advocating the application of the system to any large extent, many hundreds of vastly inferior men to these would be brought forward; and conclusions would have to be awarded under two heads—long, steady service as sergeants, and for bravery before the enemy—the former naturally bringing in elderly soldiers, who in nine cases out of ten from their associations, are completely out of their element, disassociated from those in their former life, and almost always disliked by the rank and file, whose barrackroom schemes to escape detection in one or other of the numerous military regulations perhaps evaded, they take a pleasure in showing they are well up to, and which the present class of officers would not deem it necessary to too closely examine into. Also, promotion to the grade of officer, i.e. company officer, is scarcely earned by keeping out of the defaulter book, and the humdrum performance called for in barrack and camp duties. Some other reward should be instituted.

Promotion for gallantry at first sight seems only proper, but take ten such men, and I will venture to say that the majority of them would be found entirely unfit to hold commissions, as some of the Queen's hardest bargains are to be found amongst the most recklessly brave men. I saw a man receive fifty lashes for being drunk on duty in the trenches, who wore the medal for "distinguished conduct in the field"; a great pity, but then we used to have as many as sixty prisoners in the guard tents of a night. Other ways should be found to reward mere personal courage. In our services it is too plentiful an attribute to reward with a commission. Again, abroad the officers of the navy and army are the direct representatives of the flag wherever they appear, and it is the undoubted desire of all British subjects that their officers should be a credit to the Empire, in address, appearance and education, and thus appear second to none in assemblages where officers of other powers are present.

At this particular time the attack on our officers is the more especially uncalled for, a time when they, one and all, are behaving with such self-sacrifice as to call for the admiration of all Europe; men who for the sake of encouraging their companies refuse to seek cover or crouch down, well knowing that afterwards there would be greater difficulty to induce the men to rise and some on from their skirmishing positions, the all important object in view. On more than one occasion lately the loss of officers to men was as high as fourteen and a half per cent., whereas the proportion of officers to a company is three to one hundred.

I feel curious to know who that "British officer" is who penned and published such an ignorant and scurrilous statement. He must be some red republican seeking to have the army, as in France, ready to fraternize with street barricaders whenever a mob chose to have a revolution, which under our present system he recognizes as practically impossible. I would lay money to marbles that "British officer" is not and never was a combatant officer, and have a very shrewd suspicion I can name what commission he had or holds. He must be ignorant of the fact that with the exception of Paul Methuen, and perhaps Sir Redvers Buller, etc., every general of the numbers now serving in Africa is just a member of a respectable English family of the standing of an ordinary English country family, and nothing more. Roberts, Buller, White, Yule, Kitchener, Clery, Hunter, Baden-Powell, etc., not a degenerated, bloated aristocrat in the crowd, nor yet one tending towards idiocy.

How any paper of the standing of the London Daily Chronicle came to give space to such an untruthful, vindictive effusion against British officers, and at such a time, is a mystery to me. I know whereof I write, for my brothers and I are, and were, four of them.

J. B. M.

Victoria, B.C., 4th February, 1900.

OMINECA WAGON ROAD.

Sir: As you have asked for an expression of opinion on the proposition made by the Kitimaat-Caledonia Co., which offers to construct a wagon road from Kitimaat Arm to Hazelton, a distance of 100 miles, for a grant of 30,000 acres of land and certain other rights, I would like to give my views on the subject. In doing this, I shall have to make some remarks on the question of taxation, which is inseparable from the land question; in fact, is at the root of the matter. If we had a system of taxation, just in every way, so far as man can make it, there would be no necessity to object to any land grant, as the holders of land would pay its annual value to the province.

Past experience in this province has proved that the giving away of public lands for the construction of public works is a failure, that it has defeated its own object, settlement being discouraged in every way.

The chief fault is to be found in the laws of taxation, which discriminate in favor of land held out of use, practically paying a premium to the holder of wild land and imposing the burden of taxation on the man who is doing his best to develop the resources of the province. We find that the capitalist and the worker alike are taxed on their products, through the unjust system of taxing improvements, personal property, incomes, etc. Everyone knows that the man who builds a house, a barn, raises horses or cattle, or is in a mercantile or manufacturing business is taxed, or we might say fined, every year for improving the country and making it more fit for occupation, while the man who has land which he does not use and who, in many cases, does not live in the province, pays probably only 25 or 30 per cent. of the amount of taxes which the occupier of the adjoining land pays, though his land increases in value by reason of the public improvements made by the other man's taxes.

Now with regard to this 30,000 acre grant. This Montana syndicate is honest, as it does not hesitate to say what its object is in making this proposition, viz., it expects to sell the land for more than it cost. This is all right from the syndicate's point of view; but where does the benefit to the province come in? The syndicate is only following the rule which we all try to follow, the "line of least resistance," and we, that is the people of British Columbia, should do the same, and keep the land out of these speculators' hands, or we shall regret it.

I should like to see the government survey and lay out a townsite on Kitimaat Arm, at the point most suitable for insuring good drainage, having regard also to its suitability as a terminus for transcontinental and steamship lines; then say these town lots are for lease only at their annual rental value, no further taxes will be imposed, but as public improvements are made, the rent of the lots will be advanced accordingly. Then survey about 5,000 acres of good agricultural land, that which is easiest cleared and drained, dividing it into 10 acre lots. Then give to about 400 men work on this wagon road, giving preference to the lessees of land in the settlement. Those who rented would be glad to pay 50 cents per acre per year as rent for this land, if they were assured that no other form of taxation would be imposed. This would bring in $2,000 for the agricultural land; then there would be at least an equal amount of revenue from the business and residence lots in the townsite. We could figure on at least 1,000 individuals in this little settlement; this would bring in from the Dominion government per capita grant of 80 cents per head, the sum of $800, making a total of $4,800. This would pay interest and something for a sinking fund on the estimated cost of the road. Then as population increased, the value of land would also increase, thus allowing of more public works, the expense of which would always be more than met by the revenue from ground rent.

As "example is better than precept," let me give an illustration showing how land value would always be sufficient for all demands in any reasonably well governed community. The San Francisco Examiner of October 19, 1896, contains this: The Lincoln school lot on the southeast corner of Market and Fifth streets, in San Francisco, furnishes a reliable basis for calculation. The city owns a lot 275 feet on Market street by a depth of 100 feet on Fifth street. An act of the legislature approved March 30, 1874, authorized the board of supervisors to lease this lot for twenty years to the highest bidder. The board made eleven subdivisions of the lot and leased them to different persons at different rents per front foot. The average rent per front foot per month for the last five years of the twenty year term was $11.60, or $139.20 per front foot for one year. It is a little over two miles from the junction of Valencia and Market streets to the foot of the latter street, and Fifth street is equidistant from those two points. Rents will decrease towards Valencia and increase towards the ferry, so that the rents of these lots would be very nearly the average for the whole of Maket street from Valencia to East. The whole number of linear feet on both sides of Market street from Valencia to East is 25,654, which after deducting 5,400 linear feet for street openings, there remains 20,254 feet of frontage on the street available for business purposes. This frontage at $139.20 per foot per year amounts to $2,819,356.80. There are at the present time 150 miles of accepted streets in the city and county of San Francisco, which are paved with cobblestones, Belgian blocks or asphalt, without including any macadamized streets. A considerable part of the frontage of these accepted streets is nearly as valuable for business purposes as the frontage on Market street. These figures go to show conclusively that the ground rents of San Francisco would more than suffice to meet all the expneses of the federal, state and municipal governments. And that the average rent of $11.60 per foot per month paid for the last five years of the term for the Lincoln school lot was not excessive is shown by the fact that fifty feet formerly so rented is now leased to a new lessee for $720 a month, or $14.40 per front foot per month, although the lease is for two years only, and was taken during the prevailing depression. The whole of the rent paid to the city for those lots was ground rent, as all the buildings on them were erected by the lessees. Thos. G. Shearman, in his valuable work on "Natural Taxation," figures out that 59 per cent. of the ground rents of Great Britain would suffice to pay all the expenses of the British government, 44½ per cent. of the ground rent for the whole United States would be sufficient to meet all the expenses of all the governments, federal, state and municipal, 45½ per cent. in Connecticut and 48 per cent. in the city of Boston. After a careful examination of the subject he reaches the conclusion that "ground rent will at all times, in all places and in all circumstances, exceed the entire cost of necessary government."

This being so, why should we give away our most valuable lands for the construction of a wagon road? Let us keep our road-making and our land to ourselves, and be our own landlords. The cost of collecting the revenue under this system would be small compared to the cost under the ordinary system.

From time to time we see advocated in the press the advisability of remitting certain taxes, giving free water, etc., in order to encourage the establishment of manufacturing businesses. If this is good for a few, why not for all? Of course, under the plan advocated, there would be no landlord, and as the rent paid would be returned in improvements, there would actually be no taxation. I think this of itself would commend the plan to manufacturers and business men generally. There is no question as to the desirability of this road or any other. The only thing to be settled is the policy which shall attract a population, and I think the plan outlined above is likely to have better results than will be attained under ordinary conditions.

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I have the honor to be, etc.,
R. L. FRASER, M.D.,
Medical Health Officer.
Victoria, B.C., Jan. 31, 1900.

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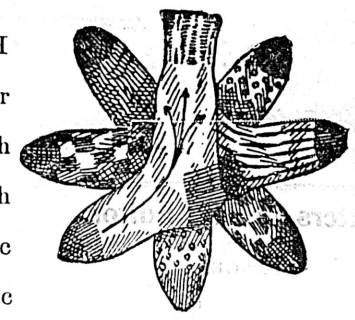

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Feb. 5.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

Since yesterday the low area has rapidly increased in energy and extent, and now covers the entire country between the Pacific and the Lakes, being central in Saskatchewan, and the pressure having given way at all points in the Northwest. It is expected that this storm will pass to the southeast and cause northerly winds, with colder temperature and possibly sleet or snow in this vicinity. The rainfall has been light so far, but the wind velocity has been high, registering 40 miles an hour.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	51
New Westminster	36	44
Kamloops	30	36
Barkerville	22	32
Calgary	—12	36
Winnipeg	—12	4
Portland, Ore.	42	46
San Francisco	46	64

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity—Strong westerly gales and winds; lower temperature with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Strong westerly winds; unsettled and colder, with rain or snow.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Reports for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, Feb. 4.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	41	Mean	43
Noon	45	Highest	48
5 p.m.	45	Lowest	38

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 2 miles north.
Noon. Calm.
5 p.m. 4 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—8 hours.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.108
Corrected.....30.132

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m—Corrected.....30.12

MONDAY, Feb. 5.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	45	Mean	45
Noon	49	Highest	51
5 p.m.	49	Lowest	39

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 11 miles southwest.
Noon. 22 miles west.
5 p.m. 36 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Cloudy with rain.
Rain—.05 inch.
Sunshine—3 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.928
Corrected.....29.949

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected.....28.58

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From Dawson By Winter Trail

Details of Latest Great Fire—Fatal Accident on White Pass Road.

Miscreants Cut the Telegraph Wire—Terrors of the Northern Weather.

The winter route from Dawson at last is open, and several travellers who left there as late as January 9 arrived in Victoria late Sunday evening by the C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Tees, that vessel having made an exceptionally fast and comfortable voyage. The late comers from the golden "Inside" included J. Rosenberger, a former resident of this city; W. H. Quann, the ex-lacrossist of Vancouver, who has been just five months in the Northland; and Staff-Sergeant Demoyer, N.W.M.P., who will be well remembered here as one of the most popular and efficient non-coms. of old Battery "C." He is eager to go to the front under his old commander, Col. Steele, and his present forced march up the frozen waterway was for the purpose of offering himself to the recruiting sergeant for Strathcona's Horse. Staff Sergeant Decyer declares that practically all the men of the police and regular forces in the North are eager to enlist, particularly as the new regulation is being enforced that soldiers and public servants shall take up no claims, nor in any way augment their meagre stipends by exercise of their rights as citizens. From 54 below zero to 107 above is a considerable climatic change, but Decyer does not dread it in the least—his only fear is that after all his long march he may not be sent to the front.

The new arrivals out of course travelled light with fast dogs, and luckily had no serious misadventures, although all along the way they passed less fortunate mushers who had dropped toes, ears and fingers by the way. Near Selkirk Post a terrific snowstorm was encountered and word was received that an outbound party of two had been lost on the trail, having pressed on against the warnings of the police and the barometer. A squad of constables was being despatched to look for them, although with but slightly founded hope of rescuing them alive.

The just arrived Northern travellers came through to Skagway by the first train in many days, reaching the Lynn Canal port on the 31st ultimo.

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Mr. Quann and Mr. Rosenberg confirm the news that in Dawson's latest fire visitation, more than half a million dollars' loss has been sustained, the newly burned district, including more than two complete blocks and nineteen hotels and saloons being among the buildings destroyed. The Dawson City branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce went up in flame and smoke (although the vault redeemed itself) while the fire was only prevented from spreading further by the demolition of the large store-houses of the Northern Trading Company, there being luckily little wind, save that created by the fire itself.

It was the old story of the Arctic City—the fire brigade was prompt and efficient but the water froze in the hose as it was being pumped from the engine. Large orders for material for rebuilding and stocks of re-equipment were brought out by Sunday night's arrivals, while possibly one-third of the business men burned out will not endeavor to retrieve their fortunes in Dawson, but join in the exodus to Cape Nome or Cape Yorke, the latter point being looked upon by the experts as the probable scene of the next really great Northern gold excitement.

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The re-opening of traffic on the White Pass & Yukon road was inauspiciously signalized by a wreck occurring on the 30th January, in which John Phillips was instantly killed and seven others more or less seriously injured, these being: William Benson, John Konerst, Stephen Bell, Ed. Kotna, John Skamia, and John Matel. Benson was hurled fifty feet through the air and struck on a giant stump; he and Skamia will probably die. The disaster occurred on a straight, unencumbered stretch of track a mile and a half north of Skagway, through the caboose leaving the track and falling on its side with the car wheels not more than a foot from the rail, the train running not more than sixteen-mile speed at the time.

The victims, all Indians, had been riding on the caboose and were caught under its side as it went over, or hurled against rocks or tree stumps. All the injured are being well cared for at the railroad hospital.

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Little fresh information has been obtained with respect to the disappearance of Clayson, Olson and Relfe, a reward of $1,000 having now been offered for the recovery of Clayson's body dead or alive. The police are said to favor the theory that O'Brien, the man now in custody in connection with the strange case, has associates who were in reality the principals, and that these have gone down the river, intending to make their way to Nome.

Railway Contractor Heney, now in Skagway, also reports that two distinct parties from Dawson have told him that a man named Richards has disappeared mysteriously from Minto, during mid-January, and the police are making search for him.

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The officials have learned that a systematic interference with the government telegraph wire to Dawson has been in progress for some time, and that more than nine-tenths of the breaks that have occurred are attributable to vandalism, the ling having either been cut or broken by deliberate felling of trees. For several weeks the police have been quietly working their case, and have attached suspicion to several bad characters, two of whom (according to the Budget) are now under surveillance in Skagway, while others are being closely watched on the Inside. The cutting of the wires and the disappearance of travellers from the trail are said by the police to have been co-incident, and half a dozen criminals are believed to be in the desperate plot, the wire-cutting being for the purpose of facilitating escape after hold-ups on the frozen waterway. The theory originally entertained that the breaks arose through contraction in consequence of the extreme cold, has been utterly exposed; and it is now agreed that the work of dastards must be followed out to the administration of the limit of punishment prescribed by law.

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United States Mail Carrier Holcomb has arrived at Eagle from Valdes, completing the first winter trip as carrier of government mail from the sea to the Yukon, a distance of 430 miles. J. A. Leonard, an Eagle business man, arrived at Dawson with the news. Holcomb said he had had a perilous voyage. He encountered many hardships, and during the trip ten of his twelve horses died or had to be killed. He had a working force of eleven men, who were employed constructing cabins for mail stations. One was created every twenty miles. From now on the department hopes to give a monthly mail service between Valdes and Eagle. One consignment of mail has already come out over the new route. From the coast terminus of the trail a telephone line extends seventy-five miles inland, and it is the intention of the government to extend the line through to the Yukon next summer. Leonard learned from Holcomb that engineers are making a perliminary survey believed to be for a railroad to extend from Valdes to Eagle.

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The great system of aerial tramways spanning the rugged canyons of the Chilkoot Pass are to be torn down and sold or used for junk. The White Pass & Yukon railroad, which bought the tramways last summer, has decided they shall no longer grace the range, and that the last mechanical facilities, aside from a few bridges, that have made the Dyea trail a rival should be removed. The White Pass road bought the tramways last July. One week ago it detailed eight men to begin the work of tearing down the big cables and their supporting lines.

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Gertie Duval, a variety actress, well known in this city, has been robbed at Skagway of diamonds and other jewelry aggregating $1,500 in value. She surprised the robbers in the act of ransacking her apartments, when they coolly hit her over the head with their revolvers and compelled her to add the earrings she was wearing to the general spoil.

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The last vestige of the wrecked steamer Townsend has disappeared from sight at Haines' Mission, while the crippled City of Seattle is still waiting for a tug at Juneau.

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Many of the Tees' last trip passengers were still waiting to get over the Pass, when that vessel left Skagway returning.

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Faint Hearts in Parliament Give Cue to Jobbers in Shares.

New York, Feb. 4.—Cabling to the Tribune from London under Saturday's date, Mr. Isaac N. Ford says:

"The week ending to-day has been the most critical period of the war, although no battle has been fought and no new reverse has been sustained. There was a black week in December when the army corps which had been expected to march in triumph to Pretoria was defeated at three points. Those disasters were borne with fortitude and self-control, because the nation, while bitterly disappointed, was not cast down but confident of the ultimate success.

"Buller's retreat across the Tugela after Spion Kop has been a less serious reverse from a military point of view, since it has been quickly followed by evidence that efforts for the relief of Ladysmith will not be delayed, yet the conditions of public opinion have been more alarmed than when Gatacre, Methuen and Buller failed during a single week. This has been because there have been many signs that the endurance of the nation is giving out, and that, while success may be a certainty by virtue of superior resources, the English people may not have the patience and grit to wait for it. The armies have not been on trial this week, but parliament and the country have been subjected to a supreme test of faith in the energies and virtues of Anglo-Saxon blood and the resources of modern progress.

"To Americans with memories of the storm and stress of the civil war, the British casualty list may seem trivial and the reverses of the army in the field of slight consequence; but the strain here is intense and wearying, for the system of Imperial defence which has been equal to all emergencies of a glorious reign has shown signs of breaking down under the resistance offered by two feeble little republics.

"It is frankly admitted by the press of both parties that parliament has not appeared to good advantage during the week of trial and searching of heart. The Prime Minister chose the wrong moment for the discovery that the British constitution was not a good fighting machine. Mr. Balfour has been limp and listless when he should have been inflexible and full of faith. The opposition has not been well led, even from the point of view of party politics, and it has not been inspired by a high sense of obligation in a supreme crisis. Mr. Chamberlain, Sir William Harcourt and Mr. John Morley have not yet spoken, but the debate, with the single exception of Mr. Wyndham's speech has been unprofitable and disheartening.

"The smoking room of the House of Commons has been the gloomiest cause of rumors and laments in England. Anything could be told there with a group of listeners to believe it. One hour it has been reported there that the financiers of the city were preparing a memorial to the government in favor of the conclusion of peace at the earliest possible moment, and the next hour Dr. Leyds' latest success in organizing the forces of European opinion has been conceded as a foregone conclusion, and President Kruger's terms for the partition of South Africa have been seriously discussed, with the final reflection that Russia, Austria, Germany and France would ultimately warn England that they would not permit her to annex the territories of the two republics. No vagary of folly has been too flighty for deliberate discussion, and the bears in the Street needed only to repeat the stories told in the smoking room at Westminster in order to send stocks down a few points.

"The redeeming feature of the debate in parliament has been the speech by Mr. George Wyndham on the work of the war office. This has raised his reputation greatly and has brought him into the front place as a minister with a great future. He has not spoken as a dreamy fatalist like Mr. Balfour, willing to believe that whatever is, is wrong, but in due time will turn out right. He has not been of an apologetic tone, but has told a plain story of military organization worthy the resources of a mighty empire, by which nearly 200,000 men in the course of five months have been brought into the field to fight the Queen's battles. This single speech has dispelled the illusion that the Unionist government is lacking in administrative efficiency, and has done much to invigorate public opinion.

"There is a strong warrant for the belief that the ministers, when the debate over the address is finished, will produce a series of large measures of Imperial defence, and accompany them by the mobilization of the fleet as a warning that European intervention in South African affairs will not be tolerated. That will suffice to put an end to the Continental campaign of intrigue now in progress against England, similar to those followed against the United States during the war with Spain.

"Mr. Wnydham's speech has interfered with the tactics of the dissipated black press which has been assailing the government for incapacity and calling for reinforcements of 100,000 men. It has proved that an army has already been moved across the seas and recruited with colonial blood, and that there is no lack of men, guns, horses or mules. The generals must demonstrate that there is no lack of brains.

"Mr. Alfred Harmsworth's plea for the dismissal of the government and the formation of a Rosebery-Chamberlain ministry for Imperial defence, is not unlike a tinkling cymbal for beating up new subscribers to the Daily Mail. The movement for putting in Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, dramatic critic of the Morning Post, as commander-in-chief of the British army, is also retarded, and croakers and pessimists generally are demoralized. At the close of this gloomy week victories are needed sorely, and reserves of patience and patriotism even more than victories, but Ladysmith has not yet been lost, nor has the faith of the English people in their armies or themselves been shaken."

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CRAIGFLOWER ROAD.

Correspondence between Members, Residents and Government Presented to the House.

A return of the correspondence in re the Craigflower road was presented to the house yesterday. Letter No. 1, dated 3rd August, 1899, was addressed to the Commissioner of Lands and Works and signed by the members for the Esquimalt district. The letter covered a petition against the closing of the road, and further set out that in the year 1857 Mr. John Russell had purchased the land involved in the dispute from the Hudson's Bay Company, the final payment for the land being made on 21st May, 1858, and the deed being issued to Mr. Russell on 30th December, 1864. The roads were never conveyed to Mr. Russell, and therefore he had not power to sell the lands set out for roads. On 22nd May, 1858, Mr. Russell conveyed the land to Mr. J. Nagle. Mr. Nagle had the land laid off in lots, the plan being registered in the land registry office in Victoria, 27th November, 1861. On this plan, according to which all the lots have been sold, the road is shown running through the lots. On the deed issued to Mr. Russell is a plan showing the present Craigflower road. Messrs. Pooley and Higgins further submitted that the road was a highway connecting the city with the districts of Esquimalt, Metchosin, Highland and Sooke, was in constant use by the residents of these districts and had been since 1854. That the corporation should not be allowed to close up a well established highway made and kept up by the government for about 45 years and the residents whose interests were affected. It was therefore asked that the corporation place no obstruction across this thoroughfare.

Letter No. 2, dated July 18, 1899, was signed by Messrs. Geo. W. Battersby, F. Kroeger, Henry Hearns and 39 others, and asked the members to take action in the matter.

Letter No. 3, dated August 4, 1899, was addressed to Messrs. C. E. Pooley and D. W. Higgins, signed by Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, and stated that the portion of Craigflower Road referred to was situated within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria, and was therefore out of the jurisdiction of the government, and further that the government had no jurisdiction to interfere.

Letter No. 4, signed by Thos. Gold, dated November 21, 1899, asked Hon. Mr. Cotton to meet a deputation from Esquimalt district and Victoria city in regard to the closing of the road.

Letter No. 5, dated November 22, 1899, signed by Hon. Mr. Cotton, assured Mr. Gold that the minister would be glad to receive the deputation on the 25th November, 1899.

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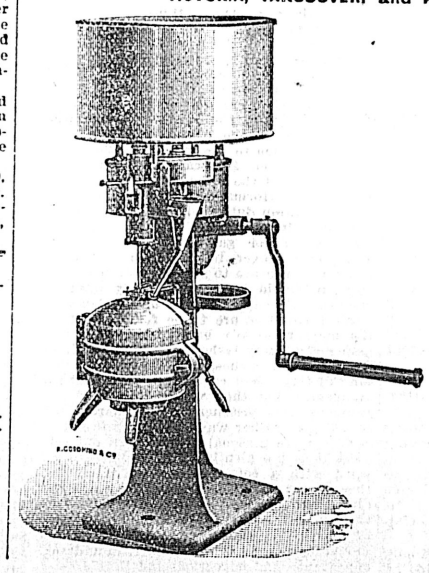

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